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Tigers

Bangladesh at the beginning of

the 2005-06 season. The series,

to include two Tests and three

one-day internationals, falls

The matches may either be

squeezed in before the ODI trian-

gular series with New Zealand

and India, and the Test series with

the New Zealanders, or may be

Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) is

anxious to play the Bangladeshis

again and prove that their Test

and ODI series defeat in

Bangladesh earlier this year was

a result of the problems

Zimbabwe cricket was facing,

after 15 white players had left the

tion policy, last year.

team in protest of a "racial" selec-

managing director Ozias Bvute

and the Bangladesh Cricket

Board have already agreed terms

for an all-expenses paid trip.

Rajib alone

International Master Enamul

Hossain Rajib took solo lead in the

Open FIDE Rating Chess tourna-

ment after the sixth round at the

Rajib beat Mohammad Ali to

International Master Abdullah Al-

Rakib won his board against Nasir

Mahmood to follow the leader with

5.5 points while another

International Master Reefat Bin

Sattar beat Enam to share the third

spot with FM Khondokar Aminul

Islam. FM Sheikh Nasir Ahmed

Mohammad Javed, Saifuddin Lavlu,

Monir Hossain, Abdul Maleq and Ali,

federation hall room vesterday.

secure maximum six points.

OPEN RATING

SPORTS REPORTER

atop

Sources in ZC said that the

played as soon as the two coun-

CRICINFO

programme.

tries leave.



Indies

Anwar reduces Northants

Wessels caught behind.

Northamptonshire effort.

Sussex in his maiden first class

match. He was the only

Bangladeshi batsman to make a

half-century in that forgettable game

all their regular first-team bowlers,

scored their runs quickly after play

began 75 minutes late but wickets

Huggins, new-ball partner Tapash

Baisya was next to strike when Rob

White was caught by Mohammad

target some of their top players,"

fell regularly.

east London

Northamptonshire, who rested

After Hossain's early dismissal of

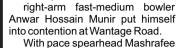
and spent most time at the wicket.

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER/BBC

Bangladesh bounced back from their wretched performance at Hove to put Northamptonshire in trouble at 149-5 before the rain intervened an hour before tea yesterday.

Pakistan's 59-run triumph in the first ODI is On day one of the tourists' final their 39th win in 103 matches against West game before the first Test at Lord's on 26 May,



bin-Mortuza and firebrand Shahadat Hossain Raiib, who is widely tipped to feature in the first Test, rested in this match. Anwar is pushing for an unlikely place as the third seamer. But the 23-year-old did his chances no harm.

Rafique. Playing his first match on the Hossain then removed Robert tour, he had three of the first five with the total on 93, before Shafayat

before having Tim Roberts and Riki and Wessels added 49 for the fourth wicket. Pakistan-born Bilal Shafayat hit

But both men were out just before the rain returned, Shafayat an aggressive 76 in a poor the victim of slow left-armer Enamul Bangladesh rested captain Haque.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day match between Bangladesh and Northamptonshire at the Wantage Road before rain interrupted play on Friday

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings Hugginsn b Anwar Shafayat c Nafees b Enamul 76 White c Rafique b Tapash 14 Roberts c Mashud b Anwar 16 Nessels c Mashud b Anwar 20 Afzaal not out Friedlander not out Extras:(b-2, lb-3, nb-4) Total: (For 5 wkts in 34.1 overs)149

Fall of wkts: 1-18, 2-47, 3-93, 4-142, 5-143. SEE PAGE 13 COL 1

INDIA GO FOR FORMER AUSTRALIAN CAPTAIN **Zimbabwe** plan to invite Aussie way is the **Chappell way** Zimbabwe are now set to play

press conference.

over the last 10-15 years," he told a

to get better. That is what we have to

aim for," he said. "If we don't get that

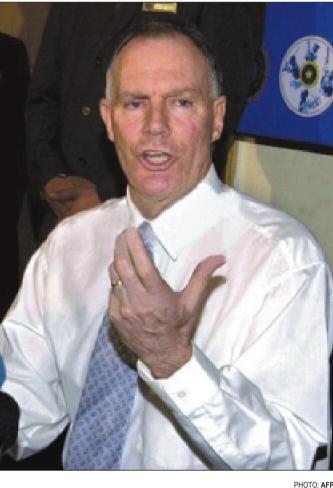
committment from the players that

The good thing is they continue

Cricket

outside of the ICC Future Tours **REUTERS,** New Delhi

Former Australia captain Greg



Former Australian captain Greg Chappell addresses a press conference after being selected as India's new cricket coach in New Delhi on Friday.

> are chosen, then we have to find others."

Chappell, who succeeds ex-New Zealand captain John Wright, has been contracted until the end of the

and been linked to several top jobs

with international sides in recent seasons.

chosen ahead of his younger com-

patriot Tom Moody, India's Mohinder

Amarnath and former West Indies

cricket has probably been the

driving force in the game off the

field," he said. "It has the potential to

be to motivate a side which he said

had the potential to win the 2007

World Cup but which which had to

he said. "Individual performances

go towards team effort, but they

come secondary to the team

requirements and that is part of the

discipline. That is an area we'll be

man selection committee which

interviewed the candidates or

Thursday. The decision is to be

ratified at the board's decision-

making working committee in June. "The decision was unanimous,"

Ranbir Mahendra, president of the

Board of Control for Cricket in India

applied for the job in 2000, when

Wright was picked as India's first

foreign coach. "It is better to be

second time lucky than third time

coach any national side, particularly

phy. We're not talking about rocket

science. It's a simple game and

will be to revive India's one-day

performances. They are currently

ranked eighth, just ahead of

Australia, 48 as captain and many of

them with his brother lan, between

He scored 7,110 runs, surpass-ing Don Bradman's career total, at

an average of 53.86. That included

Chappell played 87 Tests for

want to keep things simple."

Zimbabwe and Bangladesh.

"It's a great honour to be asked to

"I've my own coaching philoso-

His most immediate challenge

Chappell had unsuccessfully

(BCCI), told reporters.

lucky," Chappell said.

as a foreigner.

1970 and 1984.

Chappell was picked by a six-

Chappell said his priority would

"Cricket is an intriguing game,"

"Over the last few years, Indian

opener Desmond Haynes.

be the driving force on it."

perform as a unit.

working on.'

of his team's slow over-rate. "We don't necessarily need a new captain," Chappell said. "I'm

continue. If he is playing well and

leading well, that won't be an issue."

strong will to

Sauray has a

wickets, bowling Tom Huggins **Gooch's tips for England**

Former captain Graham Gooch has

told England they must be aggres-

sive and force Australia to under-

perform if they are to have any hope

two ranked side in Test cricket, have

England, currently the number

of regaining the Ashes

Cricket

arena

AFP, London

Valery Gazzayev (CSKA Moscow coach)

"This is a symbolic victory. Now every child in Russian youth football schools will know what to work for and what to dream about and will know those dreams can become true. This is a landmark victory for Russian football. It will give the nation the belief to go on and win more things at both club and international level. After winning the UEFA Cup title.



chance in a generation of toppling the Australians

Gooch told reporters at the launch of insisted. a school sports initiative in Hackney, "England have got to play at the top of their game if they are going to "If England play well and beat Australia in two or three Australia play well then Australia win

matches," said Gooch whose Test career began back in 1975 with a pair against Australia at Edgbaston.

old former Essex opening batsman

"It is a big call but they have got a chance if they are aggressive, go out with belief and take the game to Australia. They are not going to beat them if they sit back.

"England are going to have to play their best games ever - across experience

and coach Duncan Flecther.

"Michael Vaughan has done well in the captaincy and England has

all bagged five points from six games. FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL Muslim Friends beat Mohakhali

SPORTS REPORTER

Late strikes by Mithu helped

Chappell took over as India's cricket coach on Friday, calling on the players to emulate the workrate and

team spirit of the world champions. "If we intend to play at the level or higher than Australia, we have to make the same commitment to excellence as that team has shown

batsmen of his generation, was

24 hundreds, including one in his first test innings and one in his last 2007 World Cup in the West Indies. He has coached South Australia The 56-year-old, one of the finest

Chappell backed captain Sauray Ganguly, who is under pressure, out of form and who was recently banned for six one-dayers because

Born: August 7, 1948, Unley, Adelaide. Right-handed top order batsman, occasional right-arm medium. Tests: 87 matches

REUTERS, New Delhi

7110 runs 53.86 average 24 hundreds 31 half-centuries

not beaten Australia since Mike Gatting's tourists won the 1986-87 series 2-1 and none of the current

> perform. They have got to go for it and back themselves," the 51-year-

> > Docklands stadium.

But Gooch, England's heaviest run scorer with 8,900 in 118 Tests including 20 hundreds, said Thursday this season's five-match series, which starts at Lord's on July

"We have to be aggressive and

21, represented the hosts' best



so we have to get them to under-

Australian season revealed

Gabba to its new capacity of 42,000.

match since Australia played New

West Indies' first Test in Hobart.

Tasmania will stage its first Test

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Melbourne and a Test match in

Melbourne Cricket Ground next summer, with the ground's redevel Australia have already been confirmed to play the Rest of the opment expected to be near completion at that time. World in three one-dayers in

All other Melbourne international

the series. Australia are comfortably the best side in world cricket. They have got the track record and the "But England are playing well

and they've confidence although they didn't play as well as they could in South Africa this winter," said Gooch who praised the partnership between skipper Michael Vaughan

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Habibul Bashar, and are led by Khaled Mashud with the 16-year-old reserve keeper Mushfiqur Rahim named in the side. Rahim is coming off an impressive outing against

Australia to host maiden Twenty20 international

REUTERS, Sydney

Australia will host its first Twenty20 international in the coming season and also play a one-day series and a one-off Test with a Rest of the World team.

Cricket Australia had alreadv decided to run a Twenty20 competition between domestic state teams after a trial last summer, but announced on Friday they had agreed to add an international match between Australia and South Africa after the game proved a massive instant hit with fans.

The one-off 20-over match will be played at Brisbane on January 9 at the end of a hectic Test schedule and before the start of the triangular oneday international series between Australia. South Africa and Sri Lanka. "Our experiences to date show that the public have certainly enjoyed their first taste of twenty-over cricket and want to see more," Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland said in a statement.

"It's an exciting and different format that is sure to entice some big crowds. SEE PAGE 13 COL 5

Women's Handball Bikrampur, Tetulia post wins

SPORTS REPORTER

Bikrampur Sporting Club and Tetulia Handball Association outplayed their respective rivals in the Tibet Women's Handball League at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Bikrampur blanked Narayanganj Handball Academy 15-0. The winners dominated the first half 9-0. Roksana and Maleka scored three goals each for the winning side.

Tetulia handed 10-4 defeat on Viqarunnissa in the day's other match. Tetulia led the first session 7-2. Ismat Ara and Rumee scored three goals each for the winning team.

The West Indies and South Africa will play three cricket Tests in Australia later this year while Sri Lanka will take part in a triangular one-day series along with South Africa, Cricket Australia (CA) said.

December. The West Indians open the Australian summer series with the Brisbane Test on November 3, fixture, where Australia will play

followed by other Tests in Hobart starting on November 17 and in Adelaide from November 25. South Africa play a three-Test

series against Australia in Perth (December 16-20), Melbourne December 26-30) and Sydney January 2-6). Sri Lanka will then arrive to play

in the triangular one-day series, also featuring Australia and South Africa, starting on January 13 with Australia playing Sri Lanka at Melbourne's Sydney in October. matches will be played at the This year's Chappell-Hadlee 50,000-capacity Docklands sta-Trophy one-day matches will take dium.

place in New Zealand from "We're very excited to announce December 3-10, following the inaugural series in Australia last the program for what we expect will be a fantastic summer of cricket," CA chief executive James Sutherland said at the official Brisbane will host Australia's first-ever international Twenty-20 announcement.

"The Johnnie Walker Super South Africa in a match that is expected to fill the redeveloped Series (Rest of the World) will provide the perfect entree for our season, when the world's best cricketers assemble in Australia to participate in what we expect will be an

enthralling series. "With Sri Lanka and South Africa Zealand in Bellerive in 2001 and next season's match will be the currently being the second and CA said that due to preparations fourth-ranked one-day teams in the for the Melbourne Commonwealth world respectively, we're confident the VB (one-day) Series will be Games next March, the Boxing Day tough and highly entertaining for Test will be the only international cricket match to be played at the fans.

Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society came from behind to beat Mohakhali Eleven 2-1 in the Metropolis First Division Football

League at the Shaheed Bir Shrestha Mohammad Mostafa Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday

Mithu scored in the 75th and 83rd minutes after Babu put Mohakhali ahead in the 11th minute.

The match between Victoria SC and Wari Club, which was scheduled today, has been deferred by a day.

THIRD DIVISION

The match between Swadesh Samaj Kalyan Sangha and Mirpur Ekadash ended in a 1-1 draw at the same venue.

catches, 47 wickets.

ODIs: 74 matches, 2331 runs, 40.18 average, 3 hundreds, 14 fifties, 23 catches. 72 wickets.

Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1973.

A tall and elegant batsman, he was rated among the finest of his generation during his 14-year international career from 1970.

Factbox on Greg Chappell who was named the Indian cricket coach on Friday.

Chappell holds the distinction of scoring a century both on his Test debut and in his final Test, and also made centuries in both innings on his captaincy debut. A respected Australia captain like his elder brother lan, he led his country in 48 Tests. winning 21. Younger brother Trevor also played for Australia.

Highly respected for his views on the game, he coached South Australia for five seasons until 2003. He had earlier been linked to coaching jobs with West Indies and Pakistan, where he was consultant with the national cricket academy in 2004. A former Australia selector, he has been an advocate of less regimented coaching. He runs a website to interact with upcoming players around the world.

He was named in Australia's Test team of the century in 2000. However, Chappell is remembered for a dark chapter in the sport's history when in a oneday international against New Zealand in 1981 he asked his brother Trevor to bowl the now infamous under-arm delivery to Brian McKechnie with the Kiwis needing a last-ball six to tie the match.

SL poised to name Moody as coach

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka are expected to name Australian Tom Moody as their national coach next week following India's appointment of Greg Chappell.

Sri Lanka were forced to delay their recruitment process until after India had finalised interviews with Moody and Chappell.

Moody, director of cricket at English county Worcestershire, is due to travel to Colombo over the weekend for an interview or Monday or Tuesday with the Sr Lankan cricket board.

"Tom (Moody) is going to confirm shortly when he can come and we hope to have everything finalised early next week," Sri Lanka Cricket chairman Jayantha Dharmadasa told Reuters

Moody is expected to agree a wo-year contract to lead the team to he 2007 World Cup

His first assignment will be a two-Test series against West Indies scheduled to start on July 15 at the Sinhalese Sports Club in Colombo.

Moody, a seam-bowling allrounder, played eight Tests and 76 one-day internationals during a career that twice helping Australia win the World Cup in 1987 and 1999.

The 39-year-old has been linked with several coaching jobs, includng the England post after speculation that Duncan Fletcher may not renew his contract after this year's Ashes.

Sri Lanka approached a number of coaches including Dav Whatmore of Bangladesh, and Australians Dean Jones and Steve Waugh.

Former coach John Dyson, vhose contract expired in April after 20 months in charge during which Sri Lanka rose up the Test and OD rankings, was also in the running.

French Open AFP, Paris

Serena out of

Former champion Serena Williams has pulled out of the French Open, organisers said on Fridav.

The American, who won in Paris in 2002, has been suffering from an ankle injury. Her withdrawal was announced just before the start of Friday's draw for the claycourt tournament starting on Monday.

The 23-year-old world number four sustained a left ankle sprain in the quarterfinals at Amelia Island against Italian Silvia Farina Elia last month

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Zafar Imam remembered

SPORTS REPORTER

The first death anniversary of renowned sports organiser and former secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Zafar Imam was observed yesterday. Imam died of cardiac arrest at the age of 63 last year.

Sports organisations arranged different programmes including discussions, milad mahfil and Qurankhwani to pray salvation of the departed soul.



PHOTO: INTERNET SOURCE

I ALSO KNOW A TRICK OR TWO! Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson controls a ball on his forehead during a training session at Ninian Park in Cardiff, Wales on May 20.

A blood and thunder

prospect

Football

REUTERS, London

Manchester United and Arsenal players will be looking to settle a few scores in what could be a particularly ill-tempered FA Cup final on Saturday.

United captain Roy Keane has already warned it could be an "explosive" meeting in Cardiff when his holders take on an Arsenal side hungry for revenge.

United have beaten Arsenal 2-0 at home and 4-2 away in the Premier League this season, while the two clubs have traded blows for more than two years in the FACup.

Arsenal's last competitive victory over United in February 2003 was a big step towards winning the Cup for the second year in a row.

Last season, United lifted the Cup after denying Arsenal a potential hat-trick by knocking them out in the semi-finals.

More important than the statistics, though, will be the personal battles at the Millennium Stadium

midfield with Arsenal skipper Patrick Vieira. The pair have traded crunching tackles and spats for many years and recently broadened the front into barbed newspaper comments

FA CUP FINAL PREVIEW: MANCHESTER UNITED V ARSENAL

about each other's World Cup loyalties There was an acrimonious exchange in the players' tunnel before February's 4-2 win and Vieira has said he is "ready for anything" from the Irishman in Cardiff.

Wayne Rooney faces another tangle with Sol Campbell, having Significantly, the pair were the most booked players of their respective clubs in the league season just ended, with Keane collecting 11 yellow cards and Vieira

Vieira and probably Gilberto or Edu will also have Paul Scholes snapping at their heels in the middle of the park. while further duels are expected down the flanks.

Left-back Ashley Cole's best chance of a trophy this season, game in an England shirt was the Keane expects plenty of flashpoints. muzzling job he did on United's Cristiano Ronaldo at Euro 2004. tant battle, then maybe it is," he said. while the Portuguese responded by "But I think there will be battles all scoring twice at Highbury in over the pitch."

and notably Keane's tussle in

February United right-back Gary Neville, if fit, will face quick-footed Jose Antonio Reves, having clattered into the Spanish forward at Old Trafford

United striker Ruud van

Nistelrooy, who was banned for

three games for a foul on Cole in that

game, will want to make an impact

after a season plagued by injury and

Van Nistelrooy's strike partner

won a hotly-disputed penalty off the

Arsenal defender seven months

Mikael Silvestre is likely to be

patrolling United's left flank against

incursions from Fredrik Ljungberg,

three months after being red-carded

for head-butting the Swede at

With both sides facing their last

"If people see that as an impor-

last October.

loss of form.

Highbury