



## Did U Know?

For the first time, the number ten batsman from England top scored in an innings - Darren Gough's 46 not out in England's 209 for nine against Australia in the NatWest ODI Series.

## What to WATCH

**BTV & ESPN**  
NatWest ODI Series  
Bangladesh v England  
Live at 3:45 pm

**STAR Sports**  
FIFA Confederations Cup  
Second Semifinal  
Mexico vs Argentina  
Live at 9:55 pm



**Michael Ballack**  
(Germany soccer captain)  
"Some people say this Confederations Cup is not a big trophy, but as far I am concerned it is an international title."



**Premier Football League**  
Abahani vs Dipali Sangha (5:00 pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

## Wari earn full points

SPORTS REPORTER

Shipon Barua struck twice as Wari Club came back from a goal down to register their second consecutive victory in the First Division Football League when they handed a 3-2 defeat to second-placed Mohakhali XI at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Mohakhali led the first half 1-0 through a 36th minute strike by Rabi but Wari scored three goals in the space of 14 minutes after the breather to snatch their third overall win.

Shipon levelled the margin in the 51st minute and added another in the 65th after Tutul had netted the second.

Mona reduced the margin for Mohakhali in the 78th minute.

Wari raised their tally to 11 points from nine matches while Mohakhali remained on 16 points from same number of outings.

## Tres hails rising Trem

AFP, Chester-le-Street

Stand-in captain Marcus Trescothick has hailed fast bowler Chris Tremlett as one of the bright stars of England's future after his emergence in the Triangular Series.

Trescothick, who led England in Thursday's defeat to Australia after captain Michael Vaughan suffered a groin strain, has been impressed by the assured displays of Hampshire seamer Tremlett since joining the squad a week ago.

Tremlett was called in after Glamorgan fast bowler Simon Jones received treatment for a knee injury and responded with a four-wicket haul on his debut against Bangladesh and recovering from a shaky start against Australia to claim the key wicket of Adam Gilchrist.

"I've been impressed with him during the two games he has played," said Somerset left-hander Trescothick.

"He has obviously got a hell of a lot of bounce when he lets go of it because he's so tall. There is something there the way he thinks about the game as well, he knows the right moment to bowl a yorker, to bowl a slower ball or to bowl a bumper and it's always good to see when young players take it on themselves.

"He knows the right times and he has shown that in these two games so I think there's every chance of seeing him again. He's a handful with his height and if we can get a few more yards of pace out of him he'll be even better."

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ONE TIGER AMONG THE CUBS: Bangladesh's top-scorer Mohammad Ashraf, who made 58, miscues a drive to be caught and bowled by Andrew Symonds of Australia (R) during their NatWest Series one-day international at Old Trafford on Saturday.

PHOTO: AP

## Lankan tri-series brought forward

Cricket

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka Cricket says it has agreed to a request to reschedule the forthcoming triangular one-day series to allow India's players to participate in a proposed Afro-Asian contest in August.

The tri-series, which also includes India and West Indies, was due to start on August 2 but will now begin on July 30 with all seven games squeezed into 11 days.

The final will be played under lights at the Premadasa International Stadium in Colombo on August 9.

The proposed series between an Asian XI and African XI will raise funds for the welfare of players in the two continents and for the development of the new Afro-Asian Cricket Council, a new body set up

by the Asian Cricket Council and the African Cricket Council.

The rescheduling has also affected the start of Sri Lanka's two-Test series at home to West Indies which will now begin on July 13.

West Indies will play one two-day, warm-up game before the first Test in Colombo.

SCHEDULE		TEST
DATE	MATCH	VENUE
13-17 July	First Test	Colombo
21-25 July	Second Test	Kandy

TRI-SERIES		VENUE
DATE	MATCH	VENUE
30 July	India v SL	Dambulla
31 July	India v WI	Dambulla
2 Aug	SL v WI	Dambulla
3 Aug	SL v India	Dambulla
6 Aug	WI v SL	Colombo
7 Aug	WI v India	Colombo
9 Aug	Final	Colombo

## Another goalless finish

SPORTS REPORTER

Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool and Wanderers Club shared points in the Premier Bank Premier Football League yesterday when the two relegation-zone sides drew goalless at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Fakirerpool, who came to the sixth round clash on the back of four losses and one win, dominated the first half but spoil a series of chances. Their best effort was denied by the woodwork on the half-hour mark when rookie striker Jewel hit the sidebar after being set up by left winger Rajan.

Fakirerpool, the only team without a foreign player in the ten-team fray, looked tired against their more experienced rivals after the break

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## Federer, Sharapova on course

WIMBLEDON

AP, London

Roger Federer twice rallied from a service break down in the final set, Saturday and beat Nicolas Kiefer 6-2, 6-7, 6-1, 7-5 in the third round at Wimbledon. It was his 32nd straight victory on grass and 17th in a row at the All England Club.

Federer hit consecutive double-faults to fall behind 5-3 in the fourth set, and in the next game Kiefer was twice two points from forcing a fifth set.

But Kiefer double-faulted to lose serve, then lost serve again to fall behind 6-5. Federer hit three aces and a feathery backhand winner in the next game to close the victory.

On a damp, chilly afternoon, top-ranked Lindsay Davenport routed Russian Dinara Safina 6-2, 6-1. Davenport has lost only eight games in three matches.

Two-time champion Venus Williams, seeded 14th, beat No. 20 Daniela Hantuchova 7-5, 6-3. Williams has lost only one set in seven matches against Hantuchova.

Defending champion Maria

## Bangladesh miss Whatmore

Cricket

AL-AMIN from Old Trafford

The Bangladesh cricket team woke up on Saturday morning only to learn that their beloved coach Dav Whatmore was very anxious to take the first available flight to Melbourne so that he could be by the side of his ailing father.

Davenell Clifford, 91, is reported to be fighting for life in a Melbourne hospital and was breathing through a life-support machine.

Whatmore has left for London and was scheduled to embark on a 2 pm flight and was likely reach Melbourne on Sunday.

"We first learnt that his father was dead. But when I rang the hospital doctors said he was on life-support. Dav is leaving today and is unlikely to return before our last game on May 30," said BCB's cricket committee chairman MahubAnam.

Mahub also said that they were thinking of a makeshift arrangement in the absence of Whatmore.

"We are constantly in touch with our CEO Macky Dudhia back home. Board president Ali Asghar is coming here. But I'm afraid it will not be possible for someone to fly from Dhaka and join the team before the Leeds match

on Sunday," said Mahub.

There is however a strong possibility a senior player in the side might act as coach-cum-player for the last two games.

Meanwhile, manager MA Latif said that the players were upset hearing the news at the breakfast table at the Victoria and Albert hotel.

"They all came together and consoled coach Whatmore," said the manager.

## S Asian Games in April 2006

UNB, Dhaka

The 10th South Asian Games, the biggest sports carnival of the region, will be held in Sri Lanka over April 18-28 next year.

Hockey has been included for the first in the event that will be held over 11 days and feature 20 disciplines. Besides, the hosts seven other South Asian countries will participate.

The new date was set in the 34th executive committee meeting of the South Asian Olympic Council (SAOC) on June 23 at a Colombo hotel with its president Hemasiri Fernando in the chair.

## B'DESH VS AUS SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the NatWest Series one-day international between Bangladesh and Australia at Old Trafford in Manchester on Saturday:

BANGLADESH				
Omar lbw b Lee	3			
Nafees b Symonds	47			
Imran c Gilchrist b Lee	4			
Ashraf c and b Symonds	58			
Bashar c Gilchrist b Symonds	0			
Aftab b Symonds	5			
Mashud b Hogg	4			
Manzarul st Gilchrist b Hogg	2			
Rafique b Symonds	0			
Mortuza c Martyn b Hogg	0			
Nazmul not out	0			
Extras: (lb-6, w-5, nb-5)	16			
Total: (All out in 35.2 overs)	139			
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-23, 3-113, 4-113, 5-124, 6-137, 7-139, 8-139, 9-139				
AUSTRALIA				
Gilchrist not out	66			
Hayden not out	66			
Extras: (w-7, nb-1)	8			
Total: (For no wkt in 19 overs)	140			
Did not bat: Ponting, Martyn, Symonds, Hussey, Watson, Hogg, Gillespie, Lee, McGrath				
Bowler				
O	M	R	W	
Lee	6	1	36	2
McGrath	6	1	19	0
Gillespie	3	0	17	0
Watson	4	0	14	0
Hogg	9	1	29	3
Symonds	7.2	1	18	5

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## ARGENTINA V MEXICO LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 9.5

# Marquez boost for Latin showdown

REUTERS, Hanover

Captain Rafael Marquez will make a welcome return on Sunday when Mexico, shaken by a

doping case involving two of their players, face Argentina in Hanover for a place in the Confederations Cup final.

World soccer's governing body FIFA says it has been informed by Mexico that Aaron Galindo and Salvador Carmona were sent home earlier this week after testing positive in doping controls that took place before the start of the tournament.

The absence of the Cruz Azul duo deprives Mexico of two more defenders when they battle a powerful Argentina side for the right to take on hosts Germany or Brazil.

Argentina scored eight goals in three matches to finish runners-up to Germany in Group A.

The good news for Mexico's Argentine coach Ricardo La Volpe will come in the return of Marquez to the starting line-up, after the centre-back came safely through a 17-minute run-out at the end of Wednesday's goalless draw with Greece.

Mexico conceded one goal in three Group B games, beating Japan and Brazil before drawing with Greece as they extended their

unbeaten run to 20 games.

"We've played well in defence throughout the tournament and that gives us a lot of morale," Marquez told reporters.

"Argentina are a very tough team but we have to play as we have done in the last three games."

Mexico have been dogged by problems and controversy throughout the tournament.

La Volpe's team received a sharp rebuke from FIFA president Sepp Blatter for giving several Guadalajara players leave to play in the Libertadores Cup.

Mexico then lost defender Hugo

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PHOTO: REUTERS

Argentines Luciano Figueroa (R) and Carlos Tevez jog during a practice session in Hanover, Germany on Thursday ahead of their Sunday's Confederations Cup semifinal against Mexico.

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