



PHOTO: AFP

YOU'RE BONDED! New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond is about to find the edge of Indian captain Sourav Ganguly's bat during their ODI tri-series match on Friday.

Clijsters to quit in 2007



AFP, Brussels

US Open favourite Kim Clijsters has said that she will terminate her career at the end of 2007 because of recurring injury problems.

"The way I see things at the moment, I think I will stop playing at the end of 2007 or early in 2008 after the tournament in Antwerp," she said in an interview with Belgian newspapers.

Bond blows

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PREMIERSHIP PREVIEW Make or break for Magpies

AFP, London

Newcastle manager Graeme Souness is going into a crunch weekend that could see his year-long tenure at St James' Park come to a premature end.

Newcastle forward Alan Shearer reiterated how desperate his side are to land Owen as they have failed to find the net in 270 minutes of Premiership football this season.

SERIE A PREVIEW

Vieira's new life begins



AFP, Rome

Title-holders Juventus couldn't have picked better opponents for their opening match of the 2005/06 Serie A season.

already strong squad with the signing of outstanding France international Patrick Vieira this summer.

after his brief San Siro taster. "I was very young when I was at AC Milan and now I'm more mature," said the tough-tackling Frenchman.

FIXTURES

(all 1300 GMT kick-off unless stated) Saturday: Livorno v Lecce (1600), Fiorentina v Sampdoria (1830)

Robinho's appetizer



REUTERS, Madrid

Brazil forward Robinho gave Real Madrid fans a taste of things to come with a spectacular exhibition of ball skills after signing a five-year deal on Friday.

him to come to Real Madrid, but I think he's chosen the perfect team and the perfect league for him to demonstrate its skills.

His trickery, skills and physique have led to comparisons with former Santos great Pele although the youngster has yet to be fully tested against the world's top defenders.

PRIMERA LIGA PREVIEW Champs' first day worries



AFP, Madrid

Barcelona start the defence of their Spanish league title with a tricky trip to newly-promoted Alaves on Saturday.

struggle to convince many other pundits of his team's championship credentials.

division new boys on Sunday, Cadiz, who are back in the top flight of Spanish football for the first time in 13 seasons.

Many will be watching how the hosts cope with the departures of Asier Del Horno to Chelsea and Santi Ezquerro to Barcelona.

Flintoff shreds

Australia at Trent Bridge on Friday: ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 229-4)

Brothers-Muktijoddha match. If Muktijoddha win, we will have a chance to win the title," Ruppu told reporters.

"We have won four big matches in a row and proved that we are capable. If other teams had not fixed matches, we would have been on top," said the national midfielder, who had a lively game after a pretty ordinary season.

Armstrong considers suing WADA

AFP, Los Angeles

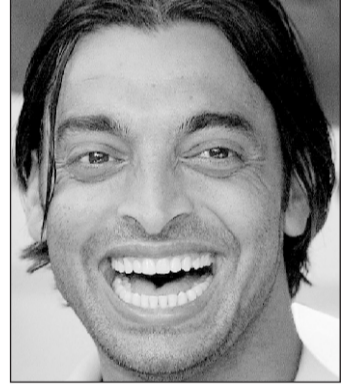
Lance Armstrong vehemently denied fresh doping allegations and attacked lapses in anti-doping protocol that allowed a French newspaper to gain access to his stored urine samples from the 1999 Tour de France.

He said he believed many were at fault, from the L'Equipe newspaper that published the damning report to the laboratory involved, the French sports minister and the World Anti-Doping Agency.



Did U Know?

Garry Kasparov became the youngest ever chess world champion at the age of 22.



Shoaib Akhtar (Pakistan fast bowler) "I am very excited and honoured at being included in both the squads and it's a lifetime chance for me to beat Australia in their den."

TV GUIDE

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