

### 5th one-dayer abandoned

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
The fifth and final one-day match between the visiting Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) High Performance Squad and Sri Lanka Development Squad was washed out at the R Premadasa Stadium yesterday.

The match was called off after heavy rain before the Lankan innings. Earlier, Bangladesh scored 129 for seven in 38.2 overs after winning the toss.

Left-handed opener Tamim Iqbal was the top scorer with a 51-ball 33 and Sakib Al Hasan added 32.

Bangladesh won three limited-overs games in a row after losing their first match. They however suffered a 220-run defeat in the only four-day game in the tour.

### NZ slow bowlers set up the win

**AFP, Johannesburg**

New Zealand's slower bowlers engineered a South African collapse to set up a five-wicket win for the tourists in the first Twenty20 international staged in South Africa at the Wanderers Stadium Friday.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Final scoreboard of the Twenty20 international between South Africa and New Zealand at the Wanderers Stadium on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA				
Smith c and b Astle	61			
Kallis b Patel	20			
Gibbs lbw b Patel	9			
Kemp c and b Astle	8			
Boucher b Astle	4			
Pollock c Fleming b Adams	0			
Prince run out (Patel)	5			
Morkel c McCullum b Patel	11			
Langeveldt b Bond	2			
Ntini b Bond	5			
Nel not out	0			
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-4, w-1)	8			
Total: (All out in 19.3 overs)	133			
Fall of wickets: 1-84, 2-90, 3-99, 4-105, 5-106, 6-110, 7-115, 8-121, 9-129				
South Africa substitutes: Boje for Kemp				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Bond	3.3	0	25	2
Mills	4	0	38	0
Adams	4	0	27	1
Astle	4	0	20	3
Patel	4	0	20	3
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>				
Fleming c Morkel b Langeveldt	31			
Astle b Nel	10			
H Marshall c Boucher b Nel	3			
McMillan c Nel b Boje	15			
Styris b Langeveldt	24			
Oram not out	23			
McCullum not out	17			
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-4, w-3)	11			
Total: (For 5 wickets in 18 overs)	134			
Did not bat: Mills, Adams, Bond, J Marshall				
New Zealand substitutes: J Marshall for Patel				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Pollock	3	0	16	0
Ntini	2	0	21	0
Nel	4	0	19	2
Langeveldt	2	0	14	2
Boje	4	0	27	1
Morkel	2	0	13	0
Smith	1	0	20	0
<b>Result: New Zealand won by 5 wickets.</b>				

### Rajani misses

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**SQUAD**  
Aminul Haque, Biplob, Atiqul Islam Tareq, Faisal Ahmed, Mohammad Sujjan, Parvez Babu, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Titoo, Nazrul Islam, Wali Faisal, Arif Khan Joy (captain), Arman Aziz, Arman Miah, Zahed Parvez, Matur Munna, Abul Hossain, Faisal Mahmud, Mehdi Hasan Ujjal, Hasan Al Mamun, Asadur Rahman Asad, Alfaz Ahmed, Ariful Kabir Farhad, Shahajuddin Ahmed Tipu, Rokonzaman Kanhan and Zahid Hossain Emily.

### Easy win for East Zone

**PTI, Rajkot**  
A fine spell of seam bowling by Shib Shankar Paul and an unbroken century partnership between Arindam Das and Vasant Saravanan helped East Zone crush North Zone by nine wickets on the third day of their four-day Duleep Trophy match played here on Saturday.

Requiring 128 runs for an outright win, East Zone reached the target in just 27.3 overs losing the lone wicket of opener Shiv Sundar Das (8).

The other opener Arindam Das (37) and Saravanan (79) added 118 runs for the second wicket to guide their team to a comfortable win.

Earlier, resuming at their overnight score of 106 for three, North Zone, trailing by 113-run first innings deficit, lost wickets at regular intervals to be dismissed for 240.

While Paul claimed four for 67, SS Rao and skipper Sourav Ganguly picked two wickets each.

## Kahn sees Rising Sun

**Football**

**AFP, Munich**

Bayern Munich captain Oliver Kahn admitted Saturday that he is considering leaving the German champions at the end of the campaign with several clubs in Japan ready to offer lucrative contracts.

German international goalkeeper Kahn, 36, is out of contract at the end of the current season and will hold showdown talks with the Bayern management during the winter break.

"Anything can happen," Kahn told Bild daily.

"I have a lot of options and will sit down with Bayern in the winter for discussions."

If Kahn decides to end his 12 year spell at Munich he is expected to head for Japan where he is a popular figure after being voted best player at the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea as Germany reached the final.

"Kahn has given the club so much loyalty so he can decide whether he wants to extend his contract or go to Japan," explained Bayern general manager Uli Hoernes. "However the financial side also needs to fit."

Kahn joined Bayern from Karlsruhe in 1994 and has gone on to win six Bundesliga titles, four German Cups, the 1996 UEFA Cup and the Champions League in 2001.

With German international captain Michael Ballack still yet to extend his contract, which also expires at the end of the season, Bayern face losing two

key players for nothing in the summer. "If both (Ballack and Kahn) go then we have to start rebuilding," added Hoernes. "But we are not afraid of doing that. It would be an exciting task."



OLIVER KAHN

### Five years enough!

**AFP, London**

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho was adamant Friday he was not looking any further than the five-year duration of his current contract after the Premier League champions' billionaire Russian owner Roman Abramovich said he wanted to set in motion a 100-year dynasty at the London club.

Abramovich revealed his long-term ambitions for the Stamford Bridge outfit when he wrote a foreword to Chelsea's newly-published official history.

But the team's Portuguese coach said he did not feel under any extra pressure to deliver more trophies following Abramovich's remarks that he wants to build the most successful football club in the world.

Instead, Mourinho said he felt even less pressure than when he first arrived - boasting he was the 'special one' on the back of his Champions League glory with Porto.

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"The club in general terms maybe needed that shake-up. That change of attitude. Not being afraid of saying 'Today, we are going to win. We are the best club'."

"And I was lucky because I was not alone. I had around me players ready and waiting for that change of attitude. They were just waiting for somebody to come and lead them in that way. So it was not so difficult. I had big support in the dressing room."

### Jayasuriya okay

**BBC ONLINE, undated**

Sri Lanka all-rounder Sanath Jayasuriya had to retire with pain while batting in a warm-up game two days before the start of a one-day series in India.

The 36-year-old had collided with the team physiotherapist while playing water polo earlier in the week.

He hurt the shoulder he had dislocated while fielding in August.

But team manager Mike Tissera remained confident about the player's condition, saying: "We didn't want to take any chances but he should be okay."

Jayasuriya, playing in his first game since the accident, had made a breezy 34 when he was forced to retire with pain to the same shoulder.

He was seen applying an ice pack to the joint in the dressing room. On Friday, he had looked uncomfortable playing leg-side shots while batting in the nets.

Captain Marvan Atapattu is hopeful his team's most capped player can play at least as a batsman in the seven-match series even if he is unable to bowl his useful left-arm spinners.

The first one-dayer is scheduled in Nagpur on Tuesday.

### Waugh exposes

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have been nice.

"The clinical efficiency of my dismissal stung me most because as a player I had always given everything."

Waugh also lifts the lid on his most famous sledging incident - his toe-to-toe confrontation with West Indian paceman Curtly Ambrose in 1995.

The episode in Trinidad has gone down as the turning point in a series that began Australia's era of modern domination of Test cricket.

The diluted version of what Waugh said to Ambrose would have it that he incensed him by saying: "Just you bow!"

The truth is revealed in Waugh's autobiography. Ambrose repeatedly stared down Waugh during a searing spell, and Waugh, who sized up the towering quick, said: "What the F--- are you looking at?"

Waugh also details the difficulty of dropping Michael Slater during his personal troubles during the 2001 Ashes tour of England.

"It's funny with Michael ... in his first book I was his mentor and in the second I had become his tormentor," Waugh said.

### Greg's eyes

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Pathan (63). But four other bowlers, Sreesanth, Murali Kartik, Rudra Pratap Singh and Jai Prakash Yadav, have 24 wickets between them.

These bowlers are expected to contain a strong Sri Lankan batting line-up that includes Sanath Jayasuriya (10,122 runs), skipper Marvan Atapattu (7,543), Mahela Jayawardena (4,739) and Kumar Sangakkara (3,371) on Indian wickets tailor-made for batting.

India's batting also presents a vulnerable look with world record-holder Sachin Tendulkar feeling his way back after an elbow injury and Ganguly, the other Indian with more than 10,000 runs, not selected.

Seasoned middle-order batsman Venkatsai Laxman, a formidable Test batsman, was a surprising omission from the squad despite scoring a century in the domestic Challenger one-day series earlier this month.

"It seems Laxman does not figure in Chappell's plans for the 2007 World Cup and that is a pity," said former all-rounder Kapil Dev.

## Pretenders to kings in three days

**Football**

**AFP, London**

Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho revealed that it took him just three days to turn the Premiership side into champions.

Mourinho arrived at Stamford Bridge last year calling himself the 'special one' after bringing Champions League glory to Porto in his native Portugal.

And in just one season Chelsea achieved their first top-flight title for 50 years and beat Liverpool to take the League Cup.

The Portuguese coach, who accepted a five-year contract to turn Chelsea's fortunes around for billionaire owner Roman Abramovich, said it took him three days to earn the respect and belief of the players.

"I arrived here as European champion and people still doubted about me," Mourinho said.

"Too many question marks. I knew I had to win or I would be under fire because Chelsea is Chelsea and everybody would be thinking about them falling again."

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"I saw that change after just two or three days. Things started very well. I was open to them and had a lot of communication with them."

"I felt they adapted to our way of training and started preparing for friendly matches as we prepare for Premiership matches. Everything was quite easy for them."

Mourinho added: "The secret is not them believing in me, the secret is they believe in themselves."

"For players, it is most important. The first phase is that they believe in me, and the second is that they believe in themselves. They showed that last season and again this season, that they believe in themselves."

"Maybe they don't say it but for sure, John Terry thinks he is the best central defender in England, and maybe he knows now he is the best defender in Europe. Frank Lampard knows now he is the best player in Europe. They believe now in what



JOSE MOURINHO

they really are. And as a team, they know where they are.

"They understand it is not easy to play in this team. They understand there is competition. They understand that one day, they look untouchable and the next, they think how can I get back into the team?"

"For example, Paulo Ferreira played four years in a row under me, game after game, now three consecutive games, he is on the bench. What Carlo Cudicini said is perfect. He would be a liar if he said he was happy on the bench. He also says he is ready when the manager needs him and that is the perfect message."

"The players know I am in command. They know I am fair. If I am not it's because the club and the results are more important to me than players. But they know I care about and respect them."

And despite his side having a nine-point lead at the top of the Premiership after nine games, Mourinho believes they have not yet reached their best.

"There is always things to improve but it's also very difficult to keep other things," he said.

"To improve in certain areas without losing quality in others where you are strong is not easy. But I think we have a very, very good balance."

"For me, solid is the perfect word for a football team. Our aim is to win and to win you have to try to improve all the time. A perfectionist is someone with an obsession he can never achieve."

"You cannot be perfect. That is not the word. Somebody who wants to improve all the time, yes, but to arrive into perfection, I think this is an ideal not for me."

### FIRST ODI TODAY

## No Bloemfontein mistake now: Fleming

**Cricket**

**AFP, Bloemfontein**

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming will go into the first of five one-day internationals against South Africa Sunday with a vivid memory of a mistake he made on a previous visit to Springbok Park.

"We misread the pitch," said Fleming of a 2003 World Cup encounter against Sri Lanka. "We thought it would be hard, fast and bouncy and went in without a spinner. It turned out more like a sub-continent pitch and we were beaten."

Even without a look at Sunday's surface, though, Fleming said there would be changes from the New Zealand team that beat South Africa by five wickets in a 20-overs international in Johannesburg Friday, with star left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori certain to return. Vettori was rested from Friday's game after playing for the World XI against Australia earlier in the week.

All-rounders Scott Styris and Jacob Oram both played Friday as batsmen only because of niggling injuries. Styris is doubtful for Sunday after suffering a recurrence of a hamstring injury but Oram's fitness will be assessed ahead of the game with a view to him being able to bowl.

South African captain Graeme Smith said his team, who are on an unbeaten 14-match streak in 50-overs internationals, would also show changes from Friday.

Steady batsman Boeta Dippenaar is sure to return, while the batting order will be shuffled. All South Africa's big hitters were pushed up the order Friday but were part of a collapse in which the team slumped from 84 without loss to 133 all out.

"Sunday is where it counts," said Smith. "Everything changes in a 50-overs game, your strategy, your structure. Our confidence is high."

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## Where's Ballack going?

**Football**

**AFP, Munich**

Bayern Munich midfielder Michael Ballack may have decided to postpone revealing his decision on a contract extension until the end of November but the German press are already convinced the player is heading abroad.

German international captain Ballack is out of contract at the end of the season and the media believe he is stalling over a new deal to weigh up the best options from overseas.

"Michael Ballack off abroad (probably to Manchester United) -- after months of delaying it is no real surprise," headlined daily Bild.

"Ballack's departure is already the talk within the camp with the high signing-on fee for moving abroad being discussed."

The Munchner Merkur claimed seven clubs were interested but said Manchester United were now favour-

ites to capture Ballack.

Meanwhile website portal Sport 1 asked who Bayern would buy to replace Ballack with Schalke's Brazilian playmaker Lincoln and SV Hamburg's

Woodcock, now working as a television pundit in Germany, also believes Ballack will head for Manchester United.

"Bayern is a great team but Manchester United have that something extra," Woodcock told television channel DSF.

"Everywhere in the world there is a young boy with a Man U shirt on."

"The new owner Malcolm Glazer has said they want to build up the club again and it is normal that he makes a big move such as this."

Ballack claims he and his family are settled in Munich but knows this is realistically the last chance to try his hand in another league.

"It is difficult because my heart is here at Bayern but I am 29 now and have the chance to go abroad," explained Ballack.

Ballack turned down Real Madrid in 2002 claiming he was not ready to move abroad and opted to join Bayern Munich from Bayer Leverkusen in a deal worth 12.9 million euros.



MICHAEL BALLACK

Netherlands international Rafael van der Vaart emerging as the main candidates.

Former Nottingham Forest and England international striker Tony

## Wenger fears Henry exit

**Football**

**AFP, London**

Arsene Wenger has admitted that concerns over striker Thierry Henry's Arsenal future are likely to dog the club for some time yet.

But Wenger believes he can persuade his fellow Frenchman to stay at the club even though Henry, whose Gunners contract expires in 2007, doesn't want to talk about a new deal until the end of the current season at the earliest.

The France international set a new Arsenal scoring record when he returned from a groin injury with two goals against Sparta Prague in this week's Champions League victory is set to be congratulated by former record holder Ian Wright ahead of Saturday's game against Manchester City.

Wenger said Friday he was well aware of the danger of the France international leaving Arsenal with his transfer price vastly reduced or even waiting until he is available on a free transfer.

"I'm not negative about it but, of course, you can say we are scared that we could lose him. I can't say that we're not."

"If he signs a contract extension

tomorrow, he could still leave at the end of the season. If he says he wants to leave, who can stop him?"

"I don't deny there is danger in any situation, but if Thierry says he doesn't want to talk about it until the end of the season, you have to respect it."

"What should I do - hang him up and tell him he has to talk? What can you ask of a player who is under contract and comes on for you after injury and scores two goals to win the game?" Wenger added.

Henry, who insisted at the start of this season he would stay at Arsenal "for as long as they want me", side-stepped questions over his future when he appeared in public Friday to discuss his historic scoring record.

But he did pay tribute to Wenger, who brought him through the youth ranks at Monaco and later transformed him from a winger into a world-class striker at Arsenal.

"Arsene started my career and also restarted it. He started me in the first team at Monaco when I was just 17, even when there were guys much older than me in the reserves who were waiting to play," Henry, 28, said.

"Then, even after France had won the World Cup, he restarted my career