

Brazil to play New Zealand

REUTERS, Rio De Janeiro

Brazil will play New Zealand in June hoping the experience will help them prepare for their World Cup group game against Australia two weeks later.

The June 4 friendly in Geneva will be the world champions' last warmup for the tournament in Germany, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said on its official website.

"This will be useful in that we will be meeting a team with some similar characteristics to Australia, our opponents in our second game," coach Carlos Alberto Parreira told the website.

The friendly is nine days before Brazil's opening Group F game against Croatia and two weeks before their meeting with the Socceroos. Brazil meet Japan in the last group game on June 22.

Brazil will carry out their World Cup preparations at a base in Weggis, Switzerland, between May 22 and June 4.

The CBF intends to organise another warmup match prior to the New Zealand game, the website said without giving details.

Dhaka cricket

FROM PAGE 16 should have been given priority. It is frustrating to see these venues and the centre of cricket being ignored by the present board," said Bobby.

Tutul termed the decision to host matches at Bogra as a political one.

"More than 30 crore taka was spent to renovate the Bangabandhu National Stadium. The board has not only left the venue but also spent about a 100 crore to build a stadium in Bogra. It is really questionable. If we get the chance, we will get cricket back to the Bangabandhu Stadium to show respect to the demand of the people. We will not wield political power because it is the heart of our cricket," said Tutul.

The protesters later formed a human chain around the number one national stadium.

'Bowl-off' win

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Did not bat: Butler, Taylor

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Franklin	4	0	21	0
Bond	4	0	15	2
Styris	5	0	41	2
Cairns	3	0	19	0
Patel	4	0	27	1

NEW ZEALAND

Vincent b Smith	42			
Fleming c Butler b Taylor	6			
Astle c Chanderpaul b Taylor	5			
Styris b Bravo	19			
Cairns b Bravo	2			
Marshall c Bradshaw b Gayle	1			
Fulton b Gayle	16			
McCullum b Smith	4			
Franklin not out	13			
Bond not out	8			
Extras: (lb-5, w-5)	10			
Total: (For 8 wkts in 20 overs)	126			
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-44, 3-73, 4-80, 5-83, 6-86, 7-101, 8-107				
Did not bat: Patel				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bradshaw	4	0	22	0
Taylor	3	0	30	2
Butler	3	0	22	0
Bravo	2.4	0	16	2
Smith	3.2	0	9	1
Gayle	4	0	22	1
Result: New Zealand won 3-0 in a bowl-off.				
Toss: New Zealand.				
Umpires: Billy Bowden and Tony Hill				



A.S. Roma midfielder Simone Perrotta (L) celebrates scoring against FC Brugge during their UEFA Cup match at the Jan Breydel Stadium in Bruges on Wednesday.

UEFA Cup

Roma take form to Europe

Football

REUTERS, London

AS Roma, the team of the moment in Italy, demonstrated their European pedigree with a battling 2-1 win at Club Brugge in their UEFA Cup first knockout round first-leg tie on Wednesday.

Roma, one win away from equalling the Serie A record of 10 successive victories, had midfielder Daniele De Rossi dismissed for elbowing after 27 minutes but went ahead right on halftime when defender Gunther Vanaudenaerde headed Christian Panucci's cross into his own net.

However, Spanish striker Javier Portillo, on a season-long loan from Real Madrid, drilled in the equaliser on the hour.

Roma took the control of the tie, though, when Simone Perrotta struck from close range and held on for victory despite Portillo heading against a post in the final seconds.

Roma's Serie A rivals Udinese also carved out a fine victory, handing new coach Loris Dominissini a winning start in Europe as his side brushed aside Racing Lens 3-0.

Jayawardene

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Test-playing nation. The first and second one-dayers will be played in Bogra on Sunday and Monday followed by the third in Chittagong on February 24.

The first Test will be in Chittagong from February 27-March 3 and the second in Bogra from March 6-10.

TEST SQUAD

Mahela Jayawardene (captain), Kumar Sangakkara (vice-captain), Upul Tharanga, Michael van Dort, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Chamara Kapugedera, Prasanna Jayawardene, Muttiah Muralitharan, Malinga Bandara, Farveez Maharoof, Dhammika Prasad, Lasith Malinga, Dilhara Fernando, Thilan Samarawera, Sajeeewa Weerakoon. ONE-DAY SQUAD Mahela Jayawardene (captain), Kumar Sangakkara (vice-captain), Upul Tharanga, Sanath Jayasuriya, Jehan Mubarak, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Chamara Kapugedera, Farveez Maharoof, Hasantha Fernando, Dhammika Prasad, Dilhara Fernando, Ruchira Perera, Akalanka Gangama, Malinga Bandara, Kaushal Lokurachchi.

Brazilian striker Paulo Barreto scored twice after Antonio Di Natale had swept Udinese, who sacked Serse Cosmi on Friday, in front late in the first half.

Lille, who managed just one goal in six Champions League games before dropping into the Bundesliga side's night went from bad to worse when Madlung picked up a second booking for handball five minutes from time.

Steaau Bucharest capped a great night for Romania's two representatives by coming from behind to win 3-1 at Heerenveen.

City rivals Sevilla and Real Betis secured first-leg leads.

A 75th-minute effort from midfielder Jordi Lopez handed Sevilla a 1-0 win at Lokomotiv Moscow while Real Betis, with goals from Brazilian strikers Diego Tardelli and Robert, won 2-0 at home against AZ Alkmaar.

Bolton Wanderers could not find a way to break down a resolute Olympique Marseille at the Reebok Stadium and had to settle for a 0-0 draw.

The English Premier League side were denied a clear penalty when Federic Dehu handled in the first half.

Three first-leg ties take place on Thursday. The final is in Eindhoven on May 10.

India trounce

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Sami (11) and Mohammad Asif (six) to wrap up Pakistan's innings. Pakistan won the first match at Peshawar by seven runs under special bad light rules but India hit back, winning the second and third by seven and five wickets respectively.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the fourth day-night limited-overs international between Pakistan and India at the Multan Cricket Stadium on Thursday: PAKISTAN Akmal c Raina b Pathan 3 Butt c Dravid b Sreesanth 13 Malik c Pathan b Rudra Pratap 9 Inzamam lbw b Tendulkar 49 Younis lbw b Rudra Pratap 0 Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-4) 8 Total: (For 5 wkts in 32.3overs) 162 Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-29, 3-114, 4-115, 5-133 Did not bat: Pathan, Agarkar, Rudra Pratap, Sreesanth Super-sub: Zaheer (unused)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pathan	7.5	0	26	3
Sreesanth	8	1	30	1
Rudra Pratap	10	0	40	4
Agarkar	7	0	38	1
Tendulkar	9	0	27	1

INDIA

Pratap, Sreesanth				
Super-sub: Zaheer (unused)				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Asif	8	1	35	
Sami	9	0	42	3
Naved	6	1	33	1
Razzaq	9	0	47	1
Farhat	0.3	0	4	0
Result: India won by five wickets and take winning 3-1 lead.				
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Toss: India.				
Umpires: Steve Bucknor and Asad Rauf.				

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Dhoni in top

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picture of Australian batting dominance is completed by the presence of Michael Hussey -- who has also hit a record high in the ratings -- in seventh place.

However, Australia's grip on the upper echelons of the ODI bowling rankings is not quite so strong. They boast two of the top three ODI bowlers but Brett Lee's brief reign at the summit of the standings is over after he failed to take a wicket in the three finals matches.

Lee has slipped to second place behind South Africa's Shaun Pollock with Glenn McGrath third and India's Irfan Pathan up to fourth.

Real now world's wealthiest club

AFP, London

Manchester United have lost their crown at the top of the football money league for the first time in eight years, being replaced at the top by Real Madrid, according to figures published Thursday.

The Spanish club overtook the English Premiership side based on financial information for the 2004-05 season with a total revenue of 186.2 million pounds (275.7 million euros), the annual Deloitte Football Money League showed.

United, who sold their England midfielder and national side captain David Beckham to Real in 2003, were in second spot, pulling in 166.4 million pounds (246.4 million euros).

In third spot for the second year running was Italian side AC Milan with 158 million pounds (234 million euros), followed by rivals Juventus (154.9 million pounds, 229.4 million euros).

High-spending English Premiership champions Chelsea swapped places with Juve on last year's tables with 149.1 million pounds (220.8 million euros).

Ranieri intersted in Newcastle job

AFP, London

Former Chelsea manager Claudio Ranieri has said he would like to become the new Newcastle United manager.

Ranieri, who had an unsuccessful spell at Valencia after leaving London in 2004, is currently without a club but has not been contacted by Chelsea's Premiership rivals United.

"Newcastle is one of the best clubs in England. They are a good, ambitious team and that is very important for me," Ranieri told the BBC.

"I am looking for another good job with a club who has ambition. Newcastle is a good team, an ambitious team. It is one of the best clubs in England."

Newcastle sacked Graeme Souness earlier this month but have yet to appoint a full-time replacement with caretaker boss Glenn Roeder, assisted by club captain Alan Shearer, currently in charge.

Since Souness's exit the club have quelled fears over relegation with some good results and are currently 12 points above the drop zone.

Pressure mounts

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and Rezaul Haque was within sight of a hundred as Sylhet defined the home attack at the Khulna Divisional Stadium.

Imtiaz, who struck 16 fours and one six in his 132-ball effort, received good support from Golam Mabud (42) and Rezaul, who was batting on 82 off 152 deliveries.

Sylhet looked set to run away with a much bigger total when they reached 289-4 but Khulna hit back in the last hour when Mohammed Shahin (3-89) inspired his side to capture four wickets in the space of 33 runs.

BARISAL-CHITTAGONG

Despite the early loss of national opener Nafees Iqbal (3 off 43 balls), the inserted Chittagong tore apart the Barisal attack at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium with half-centuries from Masumuddin and Nazimuddin.

Opener Masumuddin, who shared 120 runs with Salahuddin (69 off 125 balls) during a 28-over second wicket stand, made 80 off 111 balls that featured 15 shots to the fence. Salahuddin smashed 11 fours and two sixes.

Runs continued to flow from Nazimuddin's bat as the Chittagong number four made a polished 92-ball 60 while skipper Ehsanul Haque was not out on 44.

SCORES IN BRIEF

RAJSHAHI: first innings 283 all out in 80.5 overs (Jahurul 51, Junaid 43, Farhad 34, Sanchay 32, Shamimul 25, Kamrul 19, Shafaq 19 n.o., extras 26, Shahadat 2-48, Talha 1-57, Uttam 3-24, Riyad 4-64).

DHAKA: first innings 21-2 in 7 overs (Uttam 13, Shafaq 1-3, Shahjada 1-14). SYLHET: first innings 326-8 in 90 overs (Imtiaz 114, Mabud 42, Rezaul 82 batting, extras 25, Shipul 1-57, Manjurul 1-44, Ziaur 1-60, Shahin 3-89, Tushar 1-41).

CHITTAGONG: first innings 315-5 in 92 overs (Masum 80, Salahuddin 69, Nazimuddin 60, Ehsanul 44 batting, Waseel 34, extras 25, Sajid 2-58, Arafat 1-45, Nadif 1-30, Humayun 1-15).

Tigers rest

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failing to buy tickets after long queues at the local branch of City Bank and threw stones and bricks at the bank before the law enforcing agency took the situation under control.

To avoid further chaos, the organisers have decided to sell tickets also at the District Council, stadium counter, swimming pool and Hotel Naz garden.

Zidane reconfirms retirement plan

Football

AFP, Paris

France captain Zinedine Zidane confirmed on his internet site Wednesday that he will end his sparkling career in the next 18 months, but first he wants to win the World Cup.

Zidane has won all the major honours in world football, including leading his country to World Cup victory on home soil in 1998 by scoring two goals in France's 3-0 demolition of favourites Brazil.

Zidane also scored the winning goal for Spanish club Real Madrid in the 2002 UEFA Champions League final, firing in a spectacular volley against Bayer Leverkusen.

But he told his website that he wants to make the most of what remains of his career and then retire at the top.

"I have another six months or a year, it's true," he said. "At most, I have another year and a half. I am closer to the end than the beginning."

"I am eager to make the most of my last moments as a footballer and to live these moments to the full. Otherwise, afterwards, I would be left with regrets."

Last month, Zidane told French

television channel Canal+ that he wanted to finish the season and then focus on the World Cup before making any decisions on the next 12 months.

Now he is keen to make up for France's World Cup 2002 and Euro



ZINEDINE ZIDANE

2004 disasters.

In the 2002 World Cup, France failed to make it out of the group stages when faced with Uruguay, Senegal and Denmark.

With Zidane injured for their first two games and only a peripheral figure in their last, France failed to score a single goal and

crashed out with two defeats and a draw.

Two years on and they fell at the first knockout hurdle when faced with eventual champions Greece.

"We have a good team, but we said that as well in 2002 and 2004. Therefore, we must not make the same mistakes," he said.

"We have to prepare well and be ready. The French team can be competitive if we all arrive at 100 per cent."

"In 2002, there were so many negative things that happened that in the end, on the field, it went the way it did."

"Personally, I am a little sad about it, particularly 2004 because in 2004 we were well prepared."

"We had a good team and that's why our defeat was hard to bear. It was not for no reason that I stopped."

The pain of losing that quarterfinal to Greece prompted Zidane, along with several other senior players, to announce the end of his international career.

But only a year later he returned from the cold as France struggled to qualify for the World Cup and his presence was felt as the former champions of Europe and the world eventually won their qualification group.

Eto'o tipped for top award

Football

BBC ONLINE, undated

Cameroon's Samuel Eto'o is strongly fancied to win a record third straight African Footballer of the Year award in Nigeria on Thursday.

Having been named the Confederation of African Football's best player in both 2004 and 2005, the 25-year-old is travelling with a large contingent to the Nigerian capital Abuja.

The forward's goalscoring exploits with Spanish champions Barcelona and his displays for the indomitable Lions last year have made him a favourite for the title.

But he faces tough competition from Ivorian forward Didier Drogba and Ghana's Michael Essien, both of whom helped their countries to reach their maiden World Cup finals last year.

The Chelsea duo are being flown into Abuja by a special jet provided by the organisers of the event.

Another keenly-contested category will be the National Team of the Year, with the Ivory Coast the favourite for this award.

Yet they will have to beat World Cup first-timers Togo as well as Nigeria's under-20 team, who finished runners-up in last year's World Youth Championship in Holland.

The shortlist for the Coach of

the Year category is also interesting.

The man who led Togo to the World Cup, Nigeria's Stephen Keshi, is up for the award - as is Manuel Jose, the coach of Egypt's African champions Ahly.

In the Female Footballer of the Year award, Nigeria's Perpetua Nkwocha will be hoping for a second straight title but she faces stiff opposition from Ghana's Adjoa Bayor, a former winner herself.

Also up for grabs, among other awards, are the Club of the Year and the Young Player of the Year.

Nigeria's teen sensation John Mikel Obi would be a popular winner at the latter trophy, as would his compatriot Iyaya Taiwo.

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/division	Internal Resources Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
2	Agency	National Board of Revenue.
3	Procuring entity name	Commissioner, Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.
4	Procuring entity district	Jessore
5	Invitation for	Goods
6	Invitation Ref No.	Nothi No: 1 Purto(1)4/pro-1/88

KEY INFORMATION

7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget GOB.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9	Project/programme name (if applicable)	N/A
10	Tender package name	Scanning Machine, Archway Metal Detector Machine, Metal Detector.
11	Tender last selling date	9 th March 2006 (during office hour) Date Time
12	Tender closing date and time	14-03-06 11.00am
13	Tender opening date and time	14-03-06 11.30am
14	Name & address of the office(s)	COMMISSIONER Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15	Eligibility of tenderer	All
16	Brief description of goods or works	Supply of Scanning Machine, Archway Metal Detector and Hand-Held Metal Detector.
17	Brief description of related services	Supply, Installation and Training.
18	Price of tender document (Tk)	3,500/- (Three thousand five hundred) only.
19	Lot No	Identification of lot Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in weeks/months
1	(one)	Scanning Machine 1 (one) Units Archway Metal Detector 2 (two) Units Hand-held Metal Detector 10 (ten) Units

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

20	Name of official inviting tender	Hussain Ahmed.
21	Designation of official inviting tender	COMMISSIONER.
22	Address of official inviting tender	Custom House, Benapole, Jessore.
23	Contact details of official inviting tender	0421-75333 0421-75118 Custom bp@btb.net.bd

Notes:

- The tender notice is brief Instruction to Tenders (ITT) & General Conditions of Contract (GCC) of Standard Tender (STD) published by, CPTU, IMED, Ministry of Planning. Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh can be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours. ITT & GCC is binding upon the successful tenderer as a part of contract agreement.
- Rate must be quoted both in figures & in words for each item of works in the bill of quantities.
- The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- The tenderer shall submit the tender documents in sealed condition (one envelop).
- All other terms and conditions as stated in Public Procurement Regulations-2003 will remain valid.

Hussain Ahmed
Commissioner

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