

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

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

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.

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'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

NEWZEALAND

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vincent b Smith	42	6	0	0
Fleming c Butler b Taylor	6	5	0	0
Astle c Chanderpaul b Taylor	19	5	0	0
Styris b Bravo	2	5	0	0
Cairns b Bravo	1	5	0	0
Marshall c Bradshaw b Gayle	16	5	0	0
Fulton b Gayle	16	5	0	0
McCullum b Smith	4	5	0	0
Franklin not out	13	5	0	0
Bond not out	8	5	0	0
Extras: (lb-5, w-5)	10	5	0	0
Total: (For 8 wkts in 20 overs)	126	5	0	0
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-44, 3-73, 4-80, 5-83, 6-86, 7-101, 8-107				
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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.

PHOTO: AP

UEFA CUP

Roma take form to Europe

Football

REUTERS, London

Brazilian striker Paulo Barreto scored twice after Antonio Di Natale had swept Udinese, who sacked Serso Cosmi on Friday, in front of the fans.

Lille, who managed just one goal in six Champions League games before dropping into the UEFA Cup, put three past Shakhtar Donetsk but after apparently cruising at them conceded two goals in the last two minutes to turn the complexion of the tie.

First-half goals from Nicolas Fauvergue and Geoffrey Dernis and a third from Nigerian Peter Odemwingie put Lille in control but late strikes from Brazilian Brandao and substitute Ciprian Marica made the score 3-2 and stunned the home side.

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

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

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

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.

TESTSQUAD Mahela Jayawardene (captain), Kumar Sangakkara (vice-captain), Upul Tharanga, Michael van Dort, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Chamara Kapugedera, Prasanna Jayawardene, Muttiah Muralitharan, Malinda Bandara, Farveez Maharoof, Dhammika Prasad, Lasith Malinga, Dilshan Fernando, Thilan Samaraweera, Sajeewa Weerakoon.

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India trounce

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Scoreboard in the fourth day-night limited-overs international between Pakistan and India at the Multan Cricket Stadium on Thursday.

PAKISTAN Akmal Raina b Pathan 3, Butt c David b Sreesanth 13, Malik c Pathan b Rudra Pratap 9, Inzamam b Tendulkar 9, Younis c Bhuwan Agarkar 25, Farhat c Raina b Rudra Pratap 14, Razzaq c Dhoni b Rudra Pratap 1, Naved not out 13, Sami c Agarkar b Pathan 11.

INDIA Gambhir c b Sami 21, Tendulkar c Akmal b Sami 0, David lbw b Sami 59, Yuvraj c Akmal b Naved 37, Kaif c Inzamam b Razzaq 0, Raina not out 35, Dhoni not out 2, Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-4) 8, Total: (For 5 wkts in 32.3 overs) 162, Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-29, 3-114, 4-115, 5-133.

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