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Spanish fans celebrate their national team's progress into the Euro 2008 final with a placard reading 'We have eaten the spaghetti, now we will have a Russian salad' at the square of Colon in Madrid on Thursday.

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Angela Merkel
(German Chancellor)
"I think that for Germany and maybe also for Turks living in Germany it was all in all a very, very exciting game and of course I am especially delighted that Germany won."
After beating Turkey in the Euro 2008 semifinal on Wednesday.

New tie-breaker rule in place

CRICINFO, undated
The bowl-out has been used in two Twenty20 international games so far, but those could well be the only instances of its implementation in an international match. In the ICC Annual Conference which starts in

Spanish fans go wild

AFP, Madrid
The strains of "Que Viva Espana" rang out across central Madrid Thursday as around 10,000 Spanish fans celebrated their team's 3-0 defeat of Russia in Euro 2008, which they watched on giant outdoor screens.
The yellow and red colours of the national flag filled the vast Plaza Colon, where a television channel had set up the screens for supporters to follow the team, who now face Germany in Sunday's final.
"This time yes, this time champions on Sunday," said Juan, wrapped in a Spanish flag and with a bottle of beer in his hand, who had come to the square with three friends.
Chants of "Espana, Espana" and "on day 26, Russia said goodbye" rang out as the match neared its end, and then "Que Viva Espana" as Spain's sporting press unleashed

the referee blew the final whistle. The ecstatic fans, many with their faces painted red and yellow, spilled out of the square onto the tree-lined Paseo de Recoletos avenue, accompanied by a cacophony of car horns and watched by bemused tourists.
Large numbers of police struggled to keep the traffic moving on one of the city's main arteries.
The fiesta however was not as wild as that following Spain's nail-biting quarterfinal win over Italy on penalties.
"We have a great chance on Sunday" to win the Spain's first major international championship since Euro 1964, Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega, who was at the match in Vienna, told television channel Cuatro.
Also in the stands were Spain's Crown Prince Felipe and his wife Princess Letitia.
"We all loved it, it was calmer after the second goal," the prince told Cuatro.
Spain's sporting press unleashed

'Run-out behind us'

Cricket
AFP, London
New Zealand quick Mark Gillespie is adamant the run-out row which marred the Black Caps' dramatic one-wicket win in the fourth one-day international against England at The Oval will not leave a legacy of ill-feeling come Saturday's series finale at Lord's.
Late in the game, England captain Paul Collingwood refused to withdraw a run-out appeal after Grant Elliott was dismissed after being knocked over by onrushing bowler Ryan Sidebottom.
New Zealand were furious that Collingwood allowed the appeal to stand. But a combination of a victory, which left them an unbeatable 2-1 up with one to play, and Collingwood's subsequent apology calmed their frayed tempers.

where Collingwood will be serving the first of a four-game ban for England's slow over-rate at The Oval -- would see them end a tour where they were well-beaten in the Test series and in the lone Twenty20 on a high.
"I have not been part of the squad for the Test matches so I don't have that baggage," Gillespie explained.
"When myself and Scott Styris came into the side after the Tests, the guys were hurting, you could tell that.
"Even after the Twenty20 match and the first one-dayer, it looked like things weren't going to get better.
"But the management and our skipper Daniel Vettori kept hammering into us that we were a good one-day side.
"We've had to dig deep and I found myself putting in that extra bit."

Tigers keep Dhoni alert

PTI, Karachi
Wary of an unpredictable Bangladesh team, Indian skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni yesterday said his side would not make the mistake of taking their opponents lightly as even a hint of complacency could lead to them being upstaged in the super-four encounter of the Asia Cup here tomorrow.
India start overwhelming favourites tomorrow but Bangladesh are known to stun fancied teams once in a while which has prompted Dhoni to remind his players of the perils of taking the opposition lightly.
"Cricket is a cruel game and you can't afford to relax any day. We are here like the others to try to win this tournament as it is a big one from the Asian point of view," Dhoni said.
Dhoni said Thursday night's

Regan and Asif boys' doubles champs

SPORTS REPORTER
The boys' doubles title in the AB Bank 29th National Table Tennis Championships went to Chittagong when Regan and Asif defeated Biman pair Aunty and Javed 3-1 in yesterday's final.
Regan and Asif, who had eliminated Dhaka duo Himel and Palash in the semifinal, won 11-8, 11-7, 10-12 and 11-7 at the NSC gymnasium to continue Biman's poor run in the competition.
Favourites Billah brothers, Mahub and Mostafa, reached the group final in men's doubles beating Gaibandha's Mehdi and Parag 3-1. The Bangladesh Ansar paddlers will take on Feni's Anup and Tuhin, who ousted Rocky and Hasib of Bagerhat, in the final.
The other group final will be held between challenger Biman's Hamlet-Manash pair and Badal (Bagerhat)-Ripon (Fabna) duo.
Hamlet and Masnah beat Rimon-Teertha 3-1 while Badal and Ripon defeated Munna and Mohammed Ali of Ansars.

Focus on own game

Tigers face India today

TIGERCRICKET.COM, Karachi
With all the media interest reserved for the Indian team, the Bangladesh squad had a calm and quiet training session at the National Bank of Pakistan ground near the famed Clifton beach yesterday afternoon. After feeling the heat of Lahore the weather in Karachi has come as a relief for the Bangladesh players who had a couple of hours in the nets with a soothing breeze blowing in from the Arabian Sea.
The main worry for the Tigers in this tournament has been the bowling with the pacers in particular going for too many runs both against UAE and Sri Lanka in their Asia Cup Group games in Lahore. Bangladesh new ball bowlers gave away 80 in the first 10 overs against Sri Lanka and 52 against UAE and. Only Mashrafe Bin Mortaza has bowled 17 overs while the two other quicks Shahadat Hossain and Dollar Mahmud have been hit out of the attack and have completed only 21 overs between them. The Tigers have also conceded 24 wides in the two games including 18 in the match against Sri Lanka. Naturally, the bowling dominated

the team's preparation for the game against an on-fire India.
"When you allow the opponents to get to 80 or more in the first ten overs then it becomes almost impossible to get back in the game. We have not bowled as well as we can and have not hit the right areas," said pace spearhead Mashrafe Bin Mortaza who opted to rest yesterday.
"If we can get the breakthroughs then the job becomes easier. All batsmen have to take certain risks if they want to score when you are putting the ball in the correct length," Mortaza added.
The bowlers and the batsmen were split in two groups and discussed respective strategies for tomorrow's match at the National Stadium during today's team meeting. India are on a roll at the moment and chased down the target of 300 like child's play with 7.5 overs to spare on Thursday but Tigers' skipper Mohammad Ashraful doesn't see that as an ominous sign.
"They are playing some pretty good cricket and the wicket here suits them. There is hardly anything in the pitch for the bowlers and on a flat track you can be punished if you are not disciplined as a bowler. We are actually thinking of

how we can bring our best game tomorrow rather than dwelling on what Indian batsman can do. We are more focused on following the team rule in batting and getting the bowlers to correct the mistakes they made in Lahore," said Ashraful.
The four practice pitches at the NBC Ground's practice area are similar in nature to the National Stadium's, informed Sayeed Azad, the curator. "These have been prepared recently and are firm and sporting with good bounce. It will be similar at the National Stadium," said Azad who as a batsman had played club cricket in Dhaka for Agrani Bank in the mid-90s and appeared in 6 ODIs for Pakistan.
The batsmen had short but solid sessions in the nets and Ashraful felt the team's batting is starting to become more consistent.
"The hard work the batsmen have done is paying off little by little. All of us have made some runs recently and I hope this will continue in the coming games. We have beaten India before and it is possible again if we click in all departments."
Bangladesh have not named the team for today and will wait till the toss.

Federer in last 16

AFP, London
Five-time champion Roger Federer eased into the Wimbledon last 16 on Friday only to find Lleyton Hewitt, the 2002 winner, standing in his way of making the quarterfinals.
Federer racked up his 62nd consecutive grasscourt win with a comfortable 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 victory over Tunisian-born Frenchman Marc Giquel to keep his dreams of an historic sixth successive Wimbledon title on track.
The top seed will renew his long-standing rivalry with Hewitt, the last man to win the men's title before Federer took personal charge of Centre Court.
The Australian 20th seed again shrugged off his hip injury to reach the fourth round for the sixth straight year with a 6-1, 6-3, 7-6 (7/2) win over world number 46 Simone Bolelli of Italy.

"The next round will be difficult against a more experienced player. Hewitt's a former world number one. He's won Grand Slam titles. It should be an exciting match," said Federer who hasn't lost on grass since his first round exit here against Mario Ancic six years ago.
Federer leads Hewitt 13-7 in their career meetings.
The Australian has lost the last 11 with his most recent win over the world number one coming five years ago.
Meanwhile, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Anna Chakvetadze helped ease the pain of Russia's Euro 2008 football exit by moving into the last 16 in the women's singles.
Fourth seed Kuznetsova celebrated her 23rd birthday with a comfortable 6-2, 6-4 win over Czech qualifier Barbora Zahlavova Strycova and will face Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska.
The 14th seeded Pole put out 16-year-old Russian qualifier Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-3, 6-2.
Chakvetadze, the eighth seed, reached the fourth round for the first time with a 6-4, 6-3 win over

compatriot Evgeniya Rodina.
She next faces Czech 18th seed Nicole Pietrangeli who put out Australia's Casey Dellacqua, the world 43, 6-2, 6-4.
Vaidisova was a quarter-finalist in 2007 where she lost to Ana Ivanovic despite holding three match points and is desperate to put her season back on track after a nightmare run where she lost six successive first round matches.
She stopped the rot with a quarter-final run at Birmingham two weeks ago and even an hour-long rain suspension couldn't disrupt her rhythm on Friday.
"I made some changes to my team earlier this year (new coach David Felgate was hired) and those changes take time to take effect. They don't work overnight," said the 19-year-old.
"I'm pretty positive. I always believed that I would come back."
Former double women champion Serena Williams takes on 2006 winner Amelie Mauresmo while the 2007 runner-up Marion Bartoli faces colourful American Bethanie Mattek.

Gul ruled out

AFP, Karachi
Pakistan's Asia Cup campaign suffered a crucial blow after frontline pacer Umar Gul was ruled out of the rest of the tournament, chief selector Salahuddin Ahmed said Friday.
"Gul has been advised two weeks' rest after he damaged cartilage in the rib and we would officially request for a replacement," Salahuddin told AFP.
The 24-year-old limped off the field during Pakistan's six-wicket defeat against India here on Thursday.
Pakistan will have to officially request to the organisers of the Asia

Cup for a replacement from outside the 15-member squad announced for the event.
Paceman Abdur Rauf, who was included in the 20-man initial squad but was not picked in the final 15-man team, is the likely replacement.
Meanwhile, defending champions Sri Lanka and India enter the Asia Cup Super League matches starting here on Saturday in fine form after coming through the initial group stage unscathed.
Sri Lanka beat Bangladesh and United Arab Emirates in Group A, while India downed archrivals Pakistan and Hong Kong for maximum points from Group B.
India, three times champions, take on Bangladesh here on

Saturday to kick off the Super League stage, where all teams play each other once to decide the July 6 finalists.
The fourth team involved are hosts Pakistan.
Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni paid tribute to batsman Virender Sehwag, who has been in swashbuckling form.
"He plays in his own style and although there is a fair amount of risk involved, we always want him to play in his own style. Hopefully he keeps his form in the Super League matches as well," said Dhoni.
Sri Lankan captain Mahela Jayawardene was happy with his team's form.



Bangladesh cricket captain Mohammad Ashraful runs to catch the ball as teammate Shahriar Nafees Ahmed (R) looks on during a training session in Karachi yesterday.