



## Did U Know?

Taekwondo is one of the two martial arts that became a medal sport at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.



## Jose Mourinho

(Inter Milan coach)  
"Walter is a great friend of mine. I like him because he doesn't worry about his image, he's original and he defends his team. It certainly won't be me who decides but I'd like it a lot if one day he took my place." On Palermo coach Walter Zenga.



## BT

Bangladesh v Zimbabwe  
Third ODI  
Live from 2:30pm  
**Neo Cricket & SuperSport2**  
India v Australia  
Third ODI  
Live from 4:00pm  
**ESPN**  
English Premier League  
Arsenal v Tottenham  
Live from 7:40pm  
Fulham v Liverpool  
Live from 9:55pm  
Man United v Blackburn  
Live from 12:30am (Sunday)

## STAR Sports

English Premier League  
Bolton v Chelsea  
Live from 9:55pm  
**SuperSport2**  
Primera Liga  
Real Madrid v Getafe  
Live from 11:55pm  
Osasuna v Barcelona  
Live from 2:00am (Sunday)



Bangladesh v Zimbabwe  
Third ODI (D/N)  
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium  
Citycell Bangladesh League  
Muktijoddha v Sk Russell (5:30pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium  
Bangladesh U-19 v England U-19  
Fifth Youth ODI  
Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium

## Pak leave for Kiwi series

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan's 16-man cricket squad left for Dubai early Friday with coach Intikhab Alam confident his team can beat New Zealand in the limited-overs series.

Pakistan will play three one-day internationals on November 3, 6, 9 in Abu Dhabi and two Twenty20 internationals on November 12 and 13 in Dubai, in a series relocated to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) over security fears.

Alam said his team was aiming for a series win.

"Confidence is high and if we win the series, Alam told reporters at Lahore airport. "We have been doing well in one-day cricket and I hope the good work will continue."

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# Tigers vow to root out mistakes

SPORTS REPORTER

The imposing comeback victory in the second match definitely gave the Bangladesh team ample confidence to take advantage in the five-match series when they meet Zimbabwe in the third day-night one-dayer at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur today.

But still there have been some spots of both for the home side. Riding on the magnificent efforts from Abdur Razzak and Shakib Al Hasan, the Tigers coasted to an easy seven-wicket victory but the problem in pace bowling and the top order batting still lingers. There was also cause for concern with the fielding effort of this young side. So, everybody will look forward to see how Jamie Siddon's charges act in response to their mistakes in the previous two games because it's time to tune up maximum against the weaker opponents ahead of their tough next assignment at home early next year.

The good sign is the shifting mentality; the boys were not overjoyed with the last match success rather they also echoed the sentiment of their captain who boldly pointed out the flaws putting aside the convincing victory.

"It's absolutely right what our captain said yesterday. The top order made the same mistakes and it could have been different story had Rokibul (Hasan) and Shakib (Al Hasan) not played like that," admitted Tamim Iqbal, the

left-handed opener who got off to a good start but failed to carry his innings, while talking with the reporters before the practice at Mirpur yesterday.

"After playing poorly in the first game, we got a good start in second game but suddenly we lost our way by losing a few quick wickets which should not have happened. We are working on those mistakes and hopefully can apply it in the next three matches," the Chittagonian added.

The dashing left-hander also rubbished the talk of the nature of the pitches and difficulties with the day-night affair. "I think there is no scope to blame the pitches and I think it's ok."

It is however not the top order rather the poor showing of the pace bowlers that is the real headache for the team. The absence of leading paceman Mashrafe Bin Mortaza and useful limited-over bowler Syed Rasel has badly weakened the pace-attack of the team. Dollar Mahmud, Rubel Hossain and Nazmul Hossain were nowhere to be found to make up the losses.

It's true that the team has been missing the service of the main bowlers due to injury but there is nothing wrong if someone expects some reasonable performance from the available bowler when there is a specialist bowling coach like Champaka Ramanayake in the team. At least one can expect the guys to bowl in the right spot.

"The boys are really working hard but unfortunately failed to deliver in the middle. They bowled right ways in the net but we could not understand why they failed to carry it on the

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PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh players (from L-R) Rokibul Hasan, Shakib Al Hasan and Tamim Iqbal unwind after a training session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Tigers will look to continue their winning vein of form when they take on Zimbabwe in the third ODI at the same venue today.

# Narrow wins for giants

SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Abahani and title contenders Mohammedan both won against Feni Soccer Club and Shuktara Jubo Sangsad of Narayanganj respectively with identical 1-0 margins in their first away matches of the Bangladesh League yesterday.

Ghanaian striker Sheriff Deen Mohammad converted an 89-minute penalty against host Feni Soccer to give Abahani second successive victory at the Feni Stadium.

The victory also means the Sky Blues extended their unbeaten run to 13 matches in the professional football league, 11 of which came last season.

National star striker Zahid Hasan Emily struck in the first half against Shuktara Jubo Sangsad to get Mohammedan a second win in as many matches at the Osmani Stadium in Narayanganj.

In both venues Narayanganj and Feni, it had been huge enthusiasm among the local football fans, who turned up at the roofs of different

buildings adjacent to the stadiums to watch the matches of both Dhaka giants as the partly galleries were packed to inspire their local sides.

The Dhanmondi-based outfit, Abahani, went to take on hosts Soccer Club on the back of a 3-1 win against Beambazar SC in their league opener, but the visitors (without ace striker Awudu Ibrahim struggled a bit to find their feet against a side, who went down 3-0 to Mohammedan last week.

Feni outfit's goalkeeper Golam Mostafa Tuban denied the Sky Blues with a string of saves and parried their mighty opponents till the penultimate minute of the game before Abahani broke the hosts' resistance through a penalty shot.

Sheriff converted the 12-yard shot one minute from time to raise his tally to three after referee Hannan Miron awarded the penalty shot following the handle of the ball by Feni midfielder Asif Yousof inside the danger zone.

"The referee could avoid the penalty shot as it happened unintentionally while attempting

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PHOTO: STAR

Mohammedan defender Wali Faisal (R) and Shuktara's Robin Hasan (L) chase the ball during their Citycell Bangladesh League match at the Narayanganj Stadium yesterday.

# Bangladesh beat Pakistan

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CRICKET

BSS, New Delhi  
Bangladesh beat Pakistan by 24 runs in the opening match of the Special Olympics International Cricket Carnival at Air Force Stadium in New Delhi yesterday.

Bangladesh scored 156 for one in 20 overs. Pakistan, in reply, were all out for 132.

Bangladesh will take on hosts India today at the same ground to decide the group position.

Bangladesh, Pakistan and hosts India have been placed in Group A while Nepal, Sri Lanka and China in Group B of the 20-overs-a-side tournament.

Special Olympic Bharat in cooperation with the Delhi

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# Hockey transfers end

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The inter-club players transfer for the Premier Division Hockey League ended yesterday at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium with 12 players competing their registration formalities on the final day of the month-long bourse.

Holders Usha Kriya Chakra yesterday roped in Hedayetul Islam Razib, Mazharul Islam Moksod from Abahani, and Asif A Noor from Mohammedan after signing up Abahani's Moududur Rahman Shuvo and Mohammedan's Yamin Hossain earlier.

Abahani's defender Shahidullah Khokon joined Ajax SC as the Dhanmondi-based outfit, Abahani, this

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# Old DOHS upset Gazi

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Uttam Sarker scored the first century of the season to guide Cricket Coaching School (CCS) to a comfortable 9-wicket victory over Partex Sporting Club in their opening match of the Premier Division Cricket League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. In a surprising result of the day, title-contenders Gazi Tank went down to Old DOHS by 44 runs at BKSP, while Biman got their mission off to a flyer with a 7-wicket victory over BKSP at Fatullah.

The stylish opener Uttam Sarker played a very commanding knock of unbeaten 109 from 119 deliveries to topple the small target of 173 in 35 overs for the loss of a single wicket. One-down batsman Atiqur Rahman scored 50 and remained not out to give his skipper good company in scripting this comfortable victory.

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# Lee blow for Australia

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Brett Lee, the Australian fast bowler, has been ruled out of the remainder of the ODI series in India because of an elbow injury and will fly back home. He is in doubt for the home Test series against West Indies as well.

Lee was unable to complete his quota of overs in the first ODI in Vadodra, having bowled just six, and the elbow problem kept him out of the second match in Nagpur. The injury is the latest setback for Lee who also missed the Ashes in England due to fitness problems.

"Brett's elbow injury has not responded as well to treatment as we would have liked and therefore a decision has been made to send him home to consult with an elbow specialist," Cricket Australia physiotherapist Kevin Sims said. "With an accurate diagnosis we can determine how best to manage the injury and give Brett the best chance of being available for selec-

tion at the beginning of the Australian summer." Ricky Ponting, the Australia captain, and coach Tim Nielsen had voiced their unhappiness about scheduling the Champions League so close to the ODI series. Nielsen called Lee's injury a "stress-related" one, and Ponting rued the absence of six of his players while preparing for the seven-ODI series. Lee, however, said that his injury was not because of his participation in New South Wales' campaign in the Champions League.

Australia will also be without all-rounder James Hopes, who has a hamstring strain, in the third ODI in Delhi. "Both the guys (Lee and Hopes) are not playing tomorrow (Saturday). Lee had a light training today and he looks 85 per cent fine but there is still some pain in his elbow," Ponting said. "Hopes got through his bowling today but we have our fingers crossed. We hope he will be okay for Mohali after sitting out tomorrow."

There was some good news for the visitors, though, as wicketkeeper Graham Manou was

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# T20 WC dates released

## Bangladesh drawn with Australia, Pakistan

Cricket

AFP, London

The showpiece men's matches at next year's ICC World Twenty20 in the West Indies will take place before, rather than after, the corresponding women's fixtures, organisers said Thursday.

At this year's edition in England, the women's semis and final were played before the equivalent men's matches got underway on the same day and at the same grounds.

The move was widely seen as providing a big boost for women's cricket, both with spectators and with a wider television audience during an event that saw England defeat New Zealand in the final at Lord's.

But, in a change to a schedule first published in July, the 2010 women's semifinals and final in St Lucia and Barbados respectively will start after the

men's matches at those venues.

However, commercial factors rather than a push for gender equality appear to be behind the move with a St Lucia based tournament spokeswoman telling AFP in London via a telephone call on Thursday that the change had been made for "global considerations."

The time difference between the Caribbean and India, cricket's financial powerhouse and the key market for many of the sport's leading sponsors, means that by starting the May 16 men's final in Barbados at 11:30am local time, fans in Delhi will be able to tune in on their televisions at 9pm Indian time.

With games scheduled to last three hours, brief by the standards of other forms of cricket such as one-day internationals or five-day Tests, starting the men's final in the second slot of 4pm local time would have meant the match being played in the dead of night as far as Asia was concerned.

In another change to the schedule

published in July, the West Indies will no longer play the first match of the tournament.

Instead Sri Lanka and New Zealand will begin proceedings when the men's event, which is being played across three territories, starts in Guyana on April 30 and runs until the Barbados final on May 16.

However, with double-headers again a feature of the group phase, officials hope the stands will be packed by the time the West Indies play their floodlit match against one of two, non-Test, qualifiers.

"One of the considerations in playing the West Indies' opening match second on the day in Guyana is we hope we will be able to get in a bumper crowd to see them," the spokeswoman added.

Pakistan, who beat Sri Lanka by eight wickets in June's World Twenty20 final at Lord's, will still begin the defence of their title against fellow Asian Test nation Bangladesh in St Lucia on May 1.

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PHOTO: AFP

India's little master Sachin Tendulkar (R) plays keepy-uppy while teammate Suresh Raina looks on during a practice session at the Feroz Shah Kotla Cricket Stadium in New Delhi yesterday. They will play the third one-day international against Australia today.