

## MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT Woods to defend title

AP, Dublin  
Tiger Woods will defend his title next week at the Memorial Tournament, marking his return to the PGA Tour after three weeks spent rehabbing a neck injury.  
Woods withdrew from The Players Championship on May 9 with an inflamed facet joint in his neck. He confirmed on his website Wednesday that he'll play next week at Muirfield Village, where he has won four times and is the defending champion.  
"The doctors advised me to take a week off and rest, which I did," Woods said. "They prescribed physical therapy, anti-inflammatory medication and soft-tissue massages, which I'm continuing with. Although I'm not 100 percent, I feel much better and look forward to competing next week."  
The tournament hosted by Jack Nicklaus will also serve as preparation for the US Open two weeks later at Pebble Beach. Woods won the Memorial from 1999-2001 and again last year.  
After a winter of revelations of marital infidelity, Woods returned in April to play in the Masters, where he tied for fourth. He missed the cut at Quail Hollow after rounds of 74 and 79, and was 4 under at The Players Championship before withdrawing with the injury.  
A day later, he appeared at a news conference in suburban Philadelphia for the AT&T National, which he also won last year. He said at the time, "A lot is up in the air still, which I don't like. ... I want to come back and defend at the Memorial and play the US Open and obviously play here. But a lot of that is still up in the air right now."  
Subsequent medical tests diagnosed the extent of the neck injury, which improved with treatment and rest. Woods resumed his normal practice sessions last week.  
Woods has since confirmed he will play in the British Open at St. Andrews from July 15-18. He has yet to commit to any tournament beyond the Memorial, the next two major championships and the AT&T National, from July 1-4 at Aronimink Golf Club.  
A year ago, Woods started the final round of the Memorial four shots back of Jim Furyk but shot a 65 to win by one stroke, with birdies on the final two holes to forge ahead.

## Brazil land

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deficit against surprise finalists United States.  
Coach Dunga, captain and midfielder 'enforcer' in the 1994 World Cup-winning team, must hope he can banish the hoodoo that envelops Confederations Cup title holders in the subsequent World Cup.  
The curse has struck Brazil twice as they finished 1998 World Cup runners-up to Zinedine Zidane-inspired hosts France, and fell to 'Les Bleus' again four years ago, this time in the quarterfinals.  
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## The Hand

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The little man certainly believed so. Two minutes later, he ended a weaving run with a delicate through-ball to Jorge Burruchaga. The youngster did the rest and Argentina soon claimed their second World Cup.  
Maradona had realised his dream and, though Argentina were far from a one-man team, no single player has ever had such an influence on the destiny of a World Cup.  
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In both areas, there has been little wholesale change, but positive steps are being made. Zimbabwe won the first Twenty20 and one-day game of their West Indies tour in March, and scored two notable victories against Pakistan and Australia in the warm-ups to the World Twenty20. In between those successes, however, the team -- and



India's Suresh Raina throws the ball during a practice session at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo yesterday. India will take on Zimbabwe today in the triangular one-day international series.

## Afridi persuading Yousuf

Cricket  
CRICINFO  
Shahid Afridi, Pakistan's captain for the Asia Cup and the tour of England, has stepped up efforts to convince Mohammad Yousuf to come out of retirement and bolster the side's potentially tough Test assignment in England, where they face off against the hosts and Australia.  
"I've talked to Yousuf and I've also talked to a few elders, who can influence him to come out of retirement for the sake of Pakistan," Afridi told the News. "I am sure that he would listen to them and change his mind about retiring from international cricket. We will certainly need his services in England."  
Yousuf announced his retirement from the game following the ban issued by the Pakistan Cricket Board after Pakistan's unsuccessful tour of Australia. Of the seven punished players, he was the only one to not file a formal appeal against the punishments imposed. On Tuesday, Pakistan announced the 35-member list of

probables for the two upcoming tours. Five of the punished players, including Younis Khan and Shoaib Malik who are currently serving bans that are due to be reviewed, were included in the long list, but Yousuf was not considered.  
The England tour begins in end-June, and Afridi is confident that there is enough time for Yousuf to prepare for the tour even if he is included in the eleventh hour. "Yousuf is a great batsman and I'm sure that even if he just plays in a couple of warm-up matches before the Test series, he will be ready for the tough assignment. He won't need much time to get ready for the tour."  
Yousuf confirmed that Afridi has been in discussions with him over a possible comeback. "Yes Afridi called me up and we spoke at length about the cricket scenario. I told him I took the decision to retire after seeking advice from my elders and I can only take back the retirement decision if my elders give me permission to do this," Yousuf said.  
Since embracing Islam, Yousuf has sought out religious elders during his trips to Raiwind and on preaching missions. He is known to follow their advice before making important decisions.

## Federer shines in rain

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After building up a 6-4, 5-4 lead, the 22-year-old German choked in the 10th game of the second set as he served for the match at 40-0.  
The 24-year-old Russian then ran away to a 5-2 lead in the decider before Petkovic's challenge finally wilted after she had bravely saved three match points.  
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locked in a marathon and bad-tempered clash which was called off in virtual darkness just before 2200 (1900GMT).  
Monfils had led by two sets before Fognini battled back and the pair were 5-5 in the final set, with the Italian having wasted three match points, when play was halted on Court Philippe Chatrier.  
The combustible Italian was deemed a point for protesting at length that the match should have been suspended at 4-4 in the final set.  
Darkness also meant that British fourth seed Andy Murray will have to return on Thursday leading Argentina's Juan Ignacio Chela 6-2, 4-4.  
Swedish fifth seed Robin Soderling, who famously handed Rafael Nadal a first career defeat here last year, crushed hapless American Taylor Dent 6-0, 6-1, 6-1 in just

## India's reality check

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major opposition since the last time Sri Lanka toured the country in November 2008. Since then, the only senior sides to visit have been Kenya, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, and although the Zimbabweans have travelled to South Africa and the West Indies -- as well as the obligatory visits to Bangladesh and Kenya -- and sent an invitation to play in the Deodhar Trophy in India in 2008-09, the successful hosting of two international sides will send an important message both about the state of cricket there, and more importantly about the state of the country.  
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particularly the batsmen -- have struggled.  
Zimbabwe's early exit from the World Twenty20 came as a result of the frustrating, but far from unfamiliar, failure of the team's batsmen to apply themselves when even a modicum of pressure is placed upon them. The weakness is a mental one, as batsmen who have been repeatedly brutalised by being thrust onto the international stage before their time have had their confidence fractured, perhaps irredeemably so. The spectacular collapse has become a default setting, rather than an aberration. In this light, six games (at least) against weakened opposition on home soil will be an opportunity for the home side's batsmen to start pulling themselves out of the mire.  
The last time Sri Lanka toured they came away with a 5-0 series whitewash, but were at least challenged in a few of the games, scraping home by five runs and two wickets respectively in the third and fourth games, while only a

## Malek takes solo lead

SPORTS REPORTER  
FM Mohammad Abdul Malek maintained his solo lead after the seventh round of the Six Seasons International Chess Tournament at the Narayanganj Club Limited yesterday.  
Malek beat Mishraz Nida Siddiqui of Pakistan to secure five points. Indian FM Joydeep Dutta, who beat Sharmin Sultana Shirin, followed the leader with four points.  
Meanwhile, the 31st BASIC Bank National Junior Chess Championship will start from June 3 at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall-room.  
It's an open event for all under-20 boys and girls and they can take part in the competition without any entry fees.  
The interested players have been asked to enroll their names by June 2 to take part in the 9-round Swiss League system competition.

## Gul doubtful for Asia Cup

CRICINFO  
Umar Gul is unlikely to be part of Pakistan's Asia Cup campaign in Sri Lanka as a result of a lingering shoulder injury. He should, however, be fit in time for the tour to England later this summer. Gul injured his right shoulder when he fell awkwardly during a training camp for the World Twenty20 and subsequently missed the tournament.  
Though the shoulder has gotten better, doctors have advised him not to risk it so soon and instead aim to be back for the longer, arguably more important England tour later, where Pakistan meet Australia as well. "I had an MRI done on it a few days back and compared to the first one I had immediately after the injury, the shoulder has 80-90 per cent healed," Gul told Cricinfo.

## Trott makes

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campaign, had threatened to tear the attack apart with three sumptuous fours.  
SCOREBOARD  
Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the first Test between England and Bangladesh at Lord's on Thursday:  
ENGLAND: First innings  
Strauss b Mahmudullah 83  
Cook lbw b Shahadat 7  
Trott not out 107  
Petersen b Shakib 18  
Bell not out 8  
Extras: (nb-8) 8  
Total: (For 3 wks in 64 overs) 231  
To bat: Morgan, Prior, Swann, Bresnan, Anderson, Finn.  
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-188, 3-227.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shahadat	14	2	55	1
Robail	11	2	60	0
Shakib	15	1	52	1
Rubel	11	0	50	0
Mahmudullah	13	2	31	1

ENGLAND: Imrul Kayes, Tamim Iqbal, Junaid Siddique, Jahurul Islam, Mohammad Ashraful, Shakib Al Hasan (captain), Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah, Shahadat Hossain, Robail Islam, Rubel Hossain.  
Toss: Bangladesh

## SA aim to seal series

Cricket  
AFP, Roseau  
South Africa will look to exploit a weakened West Indies side, and clinch an unbeatable lead in their one-day international series at Windsor Park here on Friday.  
South Africans led the series 2-0, following a 66-run victory in the first ODI last Saturday at the Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua, where they also prevailed by 17 runs in the second ODI on Monday.  
The path for a series-clinching victory for the Proteas have been helped by injuries, which will rule out three pivotal West Indies players.  
Graeme Smith, the South Africa captain, admitted his side has not quite reached their peak, but he was satisfied that they would enter the next two matches on the verge of another series victory.  
"We have done pretty well so far in the series," he said.  
"We have kept our nerve, and we have done what we need to do to win the games. The guys are working hard."  
The left-handed opener was also happy with the way the batsmen had made use of batsman-friendly conditions to post challenging totals off 280 for seven, and 300 for five in the first two ODIs.  
"The pitches were very slow, and I am happy with the way we have crafted our innings," he said. "We have built good partnerships, our running between the wickets has been good, and we have manipulated the fields well."  
"There have not been a huge amount of boundaries on offer during the middle of the innings, and so we have had to run hard to keep the score moving."  
Medical scans have revealed that Ramnaresh Sarwan has sustained a Grade 1 hamstring tear that will keep him out of action for the next two to three weeks.  
Left-arm spinner Nikita Miller will also be sidelined for the same period with a side strain, and fast bowler Kumar Roach will rest a troublesome ankle until the start of the Test series between the two sides.  
Left-handed batsman Darren Bravo, the younger brother of West Indies vice captain and all-rounder Dwayne Bravo, has been brought

## Strauss's appeal

Cricket  
AFP, London  
England captain Andrew Strauss has called on county players to use self-policing to make sure the domestic game is purged of the threat of match-fixing.  
Strauss was reacting to a report in England on Wednesday which featured a county cricketer claiming he was approached by an Indian businessman seeking to fix the result of televised domestic one-day matches.  
The unnamed player was told he could name his price for giving information about the result of a match and that other county cricketers had accepted money from bookmakers, the Daily Telegraph reported.  
The revelations come just weeks after Pakistan spinner Danish Kaneria and Essex teammate Mervyn Westfield were arrested and jailed as a result of an investigation into alleged spot fixing -- the practice of paying a player to perform a certain task such as bowling a number of wides.  
Middlesex batsman Strauss is adamant he has never come across match-fixing during his time on the county circuit, but he wants players to go to the authorities if they have evidence of foul play.  
"The authorities are doing everything they can, but there is a huge responsibility on the players to make sure it doesn't take hold and spread," Strauss said.  
"It's the only way of ironing it out. For players to be tempted by taking money is ludicrous in my mind."  
"If it is happening, it needs to be stamped out straight away. There's no place for it in any form of cricket, and certainly in domestic cricket, we've got a duty as players to make sure that if we hear of it, or are approached by someone, we come forward and report it straight away."  
"All I can say is that I've never seen in it a Middlesex dressing room. I've never heard of had any reason to suspect that a game I've played in has been fixed in any way."  
English county one-day matches are often televised in India and it is thought that Asia is home to most of the illegal betting rings who provide funds for bribing players or officials.  
But the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) was told about this latest approach on Tuesday and will be contacting the International Cricket Council's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU).  
The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) revealed later on Wednesday that two players had contacted them to report approaches from bookmakers.  
"ECB can confirm that two players have formally reported approaches from bookmakers which is in accordance with the policy communicated to players from the ECB funded player education programme operated in conjunction with the PCA at the start of each season," a statement read.  
"ECB has reported this information to the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit and to the Police Authorities. ECB is pleased that the system of anonymous player reporting is working and ECB's Board has reinforced the need to all players and officials to be vigilant concerning illegal approaches by bookmakers and others."  
"ECB believes unlawful activities such as those attempted here and appropriately reported by players must be eliminated."  
"The Board takes this opportunity to remind cricketers and others falling under its jurisdiction that any unlawful activity of this kind entered into by anyone will result in disciplinary action, irrespective of any sanctions imposed by the law of the land, and will inevitably be dealt with severely, constituting as it would, a grave slur on the integrity of the game."

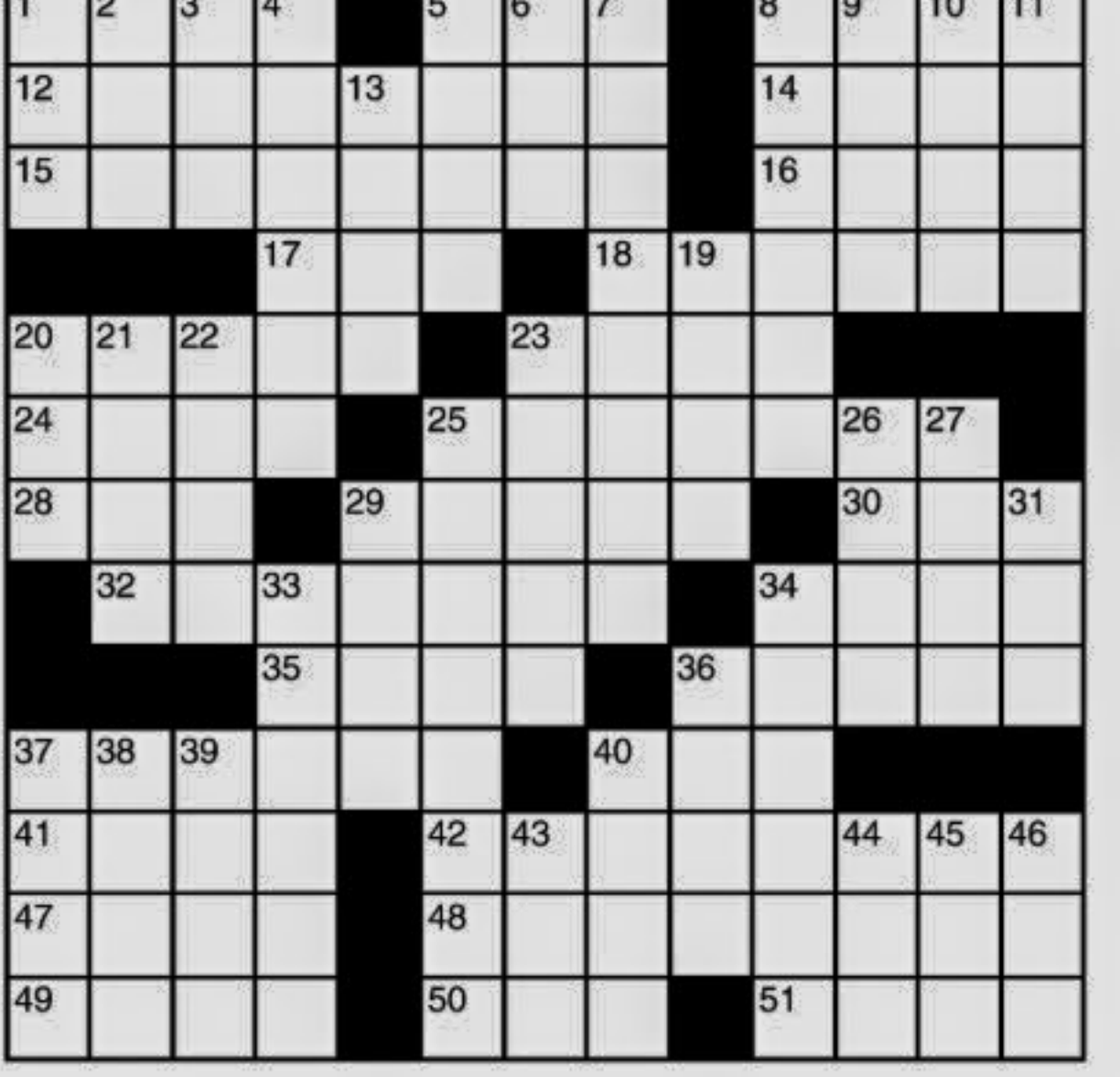
## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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22 Genie's home  
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25 Electrical strength  
26 Harvard rival  
27 Picture of health?  
29 New Rochelle college  
31 Letterman's network  
33 Plump  
34 Under-surface  
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40 Agile  
43 Chum  
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46 Sullivan and McMahon

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: NOVEL ABOUT A HUGE FOOD FIGHT WHICH INVOLVED FLINGING SPHERICAL VEGETABLES: "WAR AND PEAS."  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals F