



**HIGH, BUT NOT LONG:** South Africa batsman JP Duminy, on 99, watches the flight of the ball anxiously after hitting it in the air during the match against Ireland at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata yesterday. Unfortunately for Duminy, the ball landed in the palms of a fielder.

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# Waqar eyes two birds

AFP, Pallekele



Pakistan coach Waqar Younis said a win over defending champions Australia in their final group match would give his team enormous confidence heading into their World Cup quarterfinal.

The 1992 champions eased into the last eight with a comfortable seven-wicket win over Zimbabwe on Monday and play their last match against Australia, who are on an unbeaten 33-match streak in the World Cup, on Saturday.

Waqar said victory over Ricky Ponting's men in Colombo would serve a dual purpose.

"They are such a big team, world champs, and haven't lost for ages," said Waqar of Australia, whose last World Cup defeat came at the hands of Pakistan in the 1999 World Cup.

He said topping Group A would mean playing the number four team in Group B "whose morale would be down, but for me the bigger thing is the momentum."

Pakistan, with eight points from five matches, are second in Group A, behind New Zealand on net run-rate. Sri Lanka and Australia have also reached the quarterfinals.

Pakistan restricted Zimbabwe to 151-7 before rain curtailed Zimbabwe's innings. Set a revised target of 162 in 38 overs, Pakistan won on the back of an undefeated 78 by Asad Shafiq.

Waqar said Pakistan must carry on winning. "If you beat Australia, you leave a mark, you can look at the next matches and teams

will think twice about playing against you," said Waqar, whose country has reached the second round for the first time since 1999.

"It is pleasing, but the kind of team we had it was expected we would get to the quarter. To say that we have achieved a lot here because we didn't qualify the last two times would be wrong," said Waqar, captain of the team in 2003.

Pakistan also exited in the first round of the 2007 World Cup held in the West Indies.

Waqar said the knockout stage would be a big challenge.

"The real game starts now, the game of nerves, the pressure game. Our next game is the most important game, because from there when you jump into the quarters we need to get some momentum."

Waqar said his plan would be simple against Australia.

"The strategy will be very similar -- try to play 50 overs first, pile up a big total first, that's the key. And then, when you look at bowling sides around the world, I think we have a fairly good bowling side," said Waqar.

Waqar said Pakistan's successful run chase against Zimbabwe -- their first in a World Cup match since beating New Zealand in the 1999 semifinal, was an achievement.

"I didn't know that we had never chased in the World Cup since 1999. It is an achievement without a doubt. We played a lot more sensibly. Shafiq made a bit of a difference. He is very compact and a cricketer for the future," said Waqar of the 25-year-old.

## Mathews feels at home in Mumbai

AFP, Mumbai

Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews is happy to play the team's last league match against New Zealand in Mumbai, saying conditions would be similar to those back home.

"It's not a big deal," said the all-rounder. "The conditions are similar to Sri Lanka and the wickets are also slow. We have also played in India often."

Tournament co-hosts Sri Lanka were scheduled to play all but one of their Group A matches at home, prompting captain Kumar Sangakkara to slam the format.

"We were surprised when we learnt that we will have to travel to Mumbai to play that game against New Zealand. I thought hosts play at home," Sangakkara said.

With both teams having already made it to the quarterfinals, the battle on Friday will boil down to where they finish in the group, which in turn will decide their knockout opponents.

## CHELSEA V COPENHAGEN

# Terry fires warning

AFP, London



John Terry has warned Chelsea's European rivals that his side are finally in the right frame of mind to fight for Champions League glory.

Carlo Ancelotti's team had been stuck in a rut for several months as injuries and poor form derailed their attempt to retain the Premier League title, but they have rediscovered their momentum just in time to push for victory in Europe's elite club competition.

Terry believes the turning point was Chelsea's 2-1 win over Manchester United, a result which may have come too late to reignite a title challenge but has definitely lifted morale at the west London club.

Although the Chelsea captain still harbours hopes of overhauling United, Terry knows a successful run in the Champions League is a more realistic aim.

The Blues go into Wednesday's last 16 second leg against Copenhagen at Stamford Bridge already within touching distance of the quarterfinals after beating the Danish champions 2-0 in the first leg.

"We won't give up chasing or fighting. All we can do is win our own games, keep going to the end and see what happens at the top," Terry said.

"Our fans have kept faith with us this season and we owe it to the supporters to finish the season strongly, showing the quality we have and picking up big results."

If, as expected on the evidence of a one-sided first leg, Chelsea cruise past Copenhagen, the draw for the last eight should hold few fears for Terry and company.

Barcelona are the one team the other side sides would like to avoid, but even they have had difficulties against Chelsea in the past.

Terry has more reason than any other player at Chelsea to want to win the Champions League.

The England defender still has trouble talking about the penalty miss against Manchester United which cost the Blues so dearly in the 2008 final and it would be a career-defining moment if he could lift the trophy at Wembley in May.

"We could still make this a good season and we're up for the challenge," Terry added. "It's time to show what we're capable of. This is a massive time for us."

The prospect of Sunday's vital Premier

League game against Manchester City - who are battling Chelsea for a place in the top four - could persuade Ancelotti to rest one or two players, but he is likely to keep Fernando Torres in his line-up.

Torres has failed to score in his first five games since his British record £50 million transfer from Liverpool and the visit of Copenhagen represents another opportunity to break his duck.

The Spain striker has looked just as tentative for Chelsea as he did for much of the season with Liverpool, sparking suggestions that he is homesick, while others claim he can't cope with the pressure of such a big transfer fee.

Those accusations would easily be dismissed with a strong end to the season and Torres's fellow Chelsea striker Salomon Kalou is convinced he will come good soon.

"I don't think he has pressure, he's a top striker and he has been through that kind of thing before," Kalou said.

"He has changed teams in the middle of the season, which is never easy, so I think he is going to need time to adapt."

"He's going to play and you can only have pressure on you if you're not playing the next game and not scoring. He's going to have the opportunity and he's a top striker."

# Jose aims to end jinx

AFP, Madrid



Jose Mourinho has enjoyed a love affair with the Champions League and the Portuguese coach hopes he can be the man to end Real Madrid's Champions League last 16 curse as Real host Lyon at the Santiago Bernabeu on Wednesday for the second leg of the knockout tie.

Nine-time European champions Real have crashed out of the competition at the last 16 stage for six successive seasons and Mourinho, who has won the competition with Porto and Inter Milan, has been brought in to make sure this doesn't happen again and help deliver a 10th European crown.

"My team are not afraid of recent history; statistics exist so that we can go out and contradict them," said Mourinho.

"Real are the biggest team in the world but is sleeping. It is like an elephant that is sleeping, its power is when it is alive."

"We have to be at our best because Lyon are a very good team with Champions League experience that could help them."

Lyon eliminated Real 2-1 on aggregate at this stage last season so Madrid will be out for revenge and have the upper hand after a 1-1 first leg draw in France.

Real are unbeaten in this season's Champions League and have won all of their 15 home matches in the league and Europe, which makes ominous reading for Lyon.

The Spanish giants, five points behind Barcelona in the league, are also expected to welcome back top-scorer Cristiano Ronaldo who has missed the last two league matches with a thigh injury.

In Ronaldo's absence, French international forward Karim Benzema has come to the fore, scoring two goals in each of his last three league matches and the 23-year-old hopes to shoot down hometown club Lyon.

Benzema was born in Lyon and won four league titles with his local club before they sold him to Real for 35 million euros in July 2009.

The Frenchman has found life difficult in Madrid but injuries gave him a chance to shine and he has grabbed it with both hands.

"I feel great and I am lucky because I am scoring two goals a game thanks to my team-mates," said Benzema. "We are 90 minutes away from reaching the quarter-finals of the Champions League and I hope that we can get through."

"Lyon know they have to attack to score a goal as the first leg result favours us, but they won't give us much space and they are a solid unit."

The form of Benzema is likely to see Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor, on loan from Manchester City, demoted to the substitutes bench unless Ronaldo is not deemed match fit.

Lyon have never lost at the Bernabeu, drawing on each of their three Champions League visits, but know that may not be enough this time around with Madrid able to progress with a 0-0 draw.



Chelsea striker Fernando Torres (2nd from R) vies with defender David Luiz (R) during a training session in Cobham yesterday ahead of tonight's Champions League encounter against FC Copenhagen.

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**SPORTS POLL**  
**WEEKLY QUESTION**  
Which has been the most exciting team in this World Cup so far?  
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ICC Cricket World Cup  
Australia v Canada  
Live from 3:00pm  
**TEN Action+**  
UEFA Champions League  
Real Madrid v Lyon  
Live from 1:45am (Thursday)  
**TEN Sports**  
UEFA Champions League  
Chelsea v Copenhagen  
Live from 1:45am (Thursday)  
**ESPN**  
Sportscentre India  
Sports News

**DAY'S EVENT**

Bangladesh League  
Ctg Mohammedian v Arambagh  
Time: 3:15pm

**BOMBAY SWEETS**  
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**WHO IS THE HIGHEST WICKET TAKER IN WORLD CUP?**  
Potato Crackers  
BOMBAY FRIES  
SCRATCH AND WIN ATTRACTIVE BOMBAY CRICKET CARDS  
For answer... see tomorrow's newspaper  
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