

### Barca want female flight attendants

In 2010, Turkish Airlines paid the princely sum of 7.7m euros to become Barcelona's official airline, and for the privilege of ferrying them around Spain and the rest of the world for away games.

Two years into the relationship, the Catalonians have now requested that the airline provides a female-only cabin crew for the team.

It's because the male flight attendants tend to be Barca fanboys. The male flight attendants constantly asked for autographs and jerseys from globally loved players like Lionel Messi and Andres Iniesta, which eventually became a problem for the team officials.

## Siddikur's Panasonic challenge

SPORTS REPORTER

Siddikur Rahman will be looking to resurrect his faltering fortunes and get back to the form which earned him five top-five finishes in the early part of the season when he takes the field in the Asia-Pacific Panasonic Open which starts in the Japanese city of Hyogo today.

The 27-year old Bangladeshi golfer had shown pretty consistent form early in the season when he notched four top-five finishes before

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INDIA-AFGHANISTAN SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Gambhir b Shapoor	10
Sehwag c Shahzad b Shapoor	8
Kohli c Nabi b Dawlat	50
Singh c Shapoor b Sadiq	18
Raina b Nabi	38
Dhoni not out	18
Sharma not out	1
Extras: (lb-2, W-14)	16
Total: (For 5 wickets in 20 overs)	159
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-22, 3-68, 4-114, 5-148.	

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Shapoor	4	0	33	2
Dawlat	4	0	25	1
Naib	2	0	15	0
Sadiq	4	0	33	1
Nabi	4	0	35	1
Shenwari	2	0	16	0

AFGHANISTAN

Shahzad c Yuvraj b Balaji	18
Mangal lbw b Yuvraj	22
Sadiq c Gambhir b Yuvraj	26
Stanikzai c Dhoni b Yuvraj	6
Nabi c Sharma b Ashwin	31
Shenwari c and b Ashwin	1
Shafaq lbw b Pathan	8
Naib c Raina b Balaji	5
Najibullah run out	5
Dawlat b Balaji	8
Shapoor not out	0
Extras: (lb-2, w-3, nb-1)	6
Total: (All out in 19.3 overs)	136
Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-52, 3-75, 4-75, 5-76, 6-100, 7-119, 8-125, 9-136 (Naib).	

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	3	0	32	0
Pathan	4	0	29	1
Balaji	3.3	0	19	3
Sharma	1	0	10	0
Yuvraj	4	0	24	3

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## 'This is Tigers' best T20 side'

SPORTS REPORTER from Kandy

Like Mashrafe Bin Mortaza who spoke on the subject the other day, chief selector Akram Khan also thinks that the current team is Bangladesh's best T20 side. Most importantly, the former Bangladesh skipper believes that this team has started to figure out the nuances of cricket's newest format. "It was not long ago that the format was totally a riddle for the Bangladeshi players but the scenario has changed recently as our players got the chance to play a number of matches courtesy of the BPL and the few tours they went on over the last three months," said Akram who is travelling with the team in Sri Lanka.

"I must say this team is the best one because it has got the balance to do well in the World Cup. Not only as a team but also preparation-wise, we are now in a good shape and I am very much hopeful about this team," added the chief of the three-member selection panel.

"Our top order is getting runs and we have players like Mashrafe (Bin Mortaza) and Nasir Hossain who have the ability to contribute with the bat besides their bowling. There were some problems with the middle-order in the two warm-up games but I think it will be okay when we play the

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Australia superstar Shane Watson sets up to whack one on way to scoring a 30-ball 51 against Ireland in the World Twenty20 at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Shakib Al Hasan during practice in Kandy yesterday.

PHOTO: INTERNET

## Kandy poses tricky test

BISHWAJIT ROY from Kandy

It is a nice half-hour drive from the city of Kandy to the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium -- one of Sri Lanka's three venues developed for the 2011 World Cup where the Group D matches of the ICC World Twenty20 involving Pakistan, New Zealand and Bangladesh take place from tomorrow.

In this short journey one never feels bored because the route is along the two-century old man-made Kandy Lake, on winding Hill Country streets and eye-soothing hills before turning into the Kandy Industrial Park a few kilometres ahead where the beautiful ground is located.

The grass banks for watching cricket at the stadium besides the towering buildings further embellish the stadium's charm. Some Bangladesh players like skipper Mushfiqur Rahim have had the chance to play on this new ground but the Tigers made their first appearance on the ground as a team during a practice session ahead of their first group match against New Zealand tomorrow.

The stadium which is situated close to

Australia superstar Shane Watson sets up to whack one on way to scoring a 30-ball 51 against Ireland in the World Twenty20 at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Aussie lesson for Ireland

AFP, Colombo

Shane Watson pounded Ireland with both bat and ball as Australia began their World Twenty20 campaign with an emphatic seven-wicket victory in Colombo on Wednesday.

Watson grabbed three wickets as Ireland were restricted to 123-7 and then smashed 51 off 30 balls to help Australia surpass the modest total in the 16th over of the Group B match.

The New South Wales all-rounder put on 60 for the first wicket with David Warner (26) in seven overs, and 31 off 18 balls for the second with Michael Hussey, before he was run out in the 11th over.

Watson, who hit five boundaries and three sixes and claimed a wicket with his first delivery, was named the man-of-the-match.

"We knew how important the game was to make a statement," he said. "I had been thinking about how to bowl the first over for about a day and it worked out nicely."

Barely 3,000 spectators were present at the 35,000-capacity Premadasa Stadium to watch Australia teach the non-Test nation a cricketing lesson in the first ever T20 clash between the two sides.

Australia, who lost to England in the final of the 2010

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PHOTO: AFP

## Booters pray for sunny skies

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh and Nepal national football teams will be praying for a sunny day in Kathmandu today as the two teams face off in an international friendly at the Dasrath Stadium in Nepal.

The first of two friendlies was called off on Tuesday due to unplayable pitch conditions after heavy rain, but the good news is that the weather in the capital of the Himalayan nation was clear and sunny yesterday which allowed the organisers to get the pitch in a playable condition. Today's match is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm (Bangladesh Standard Time) and no rain is forecast.

There was however bad news for the Bangladesh team as captain and stopper Mohammad Sujan pulled a calf muscle during yesterday's practice. Striker Anwar Hossain also missed

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ICC WORLD T20 TODAY'S MATCH

MATCH	TIME	VENUE
South Africa v Zimbabwe	8:00pm	Hambantota

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সিঙ্গার - চ্যানেল আই সাহসিকতা পুরস্কার

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