

KANGAROOS IN THE TIGER'S LAND

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The much anticipated cricket series between Bangladesh and Australia is going to start on **Sunday (April 09)** at the newly built stadium in Fatulla (Narayngonj). This is the first time Bangladesh will host Australia for **2 tests and 3 ODI** in Dhaka and Chittagong.

I have no illusions about the massive task that Bangladesh will face when Australia arrive in the country on Thursday. The number one ranked team in the world now will be playing against the number 10 ranked team (unfortunately Zimbabwe is still ahead of Bdesb in ICC test ranking).

The odds, however, remain firmly stacked for Australia to complete a clean sweep of the two test and 3 ODI matches. All we want a competitive match against the number 1 team and a decent loss will be gladly accepted.

No doubt, Bangladesh has improved significantly in the recent months, defeating 4 world cup champions (**Pakistan, India, Australia and Sri Lanka**), and recently a 4-0 whitewash against the Kenyan in ODI. But Bangladesh will have to perform well in the test matches.

Bangladesh will always be remembered for their shock upset over a full strength Australia at Cardiff during last year's NatWest Trophy (18 June 2005). This will give the Bdesb team most confidence while playing against the Australians.

The fanatic cricket lovers in Australia will be able to watch the entire test and ODI matches **LIVE** but only on **FOXTEL TV**.

Following are the detail schedule of the matches with **LIVE TV** telecast time in Australia:

Date	Match	Venue	LIVE FOXTEL (AEST)
April 9 _ 13	1 st Test	Fatulla (Dhaka)	1:30 PM
April 16 _ 20	2 nd Test	Chittagong	1:30 PM
April 23 (Sunday)	1st ODI	Chittagong	1:30 PM
April 26 (Wednesday)	2 nd ODI	Dhaka	1:30 PM
April 28 (Friday)	3 rd ODI	Dhaka	1:30 PM

Go the Tigers. Good luck to Bangladesh.