

Hoggard only the 10th Englishman

Matthew Hoggard couldn't hide his pleasure after becoming only the tenth England bowler to take 200 Test wickets.



Sri Lanka batsman Mahela Jayawardene drives one through the as England wicketkeeper Geraint Jones looks on during the fourth day's play of the first Test at Lord's on Sunday.

Mahela holds SL together

Cricket REUTERS, London

Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene completed his 14th Test century and his second at Lord's on Sunday with an innings of monumental patience on the fourth day of the first Test against England.

session without losing a wicket, even though both batsmen were beaten regularly outside the off-stump. Pace bowler Liam Plunkett, who has yet to take a wicket in the match, was particularly unfortunate not to catch the edge.

Maharoor reached his second Test half-century after lunch from 133 deliveries with five fours. He then slashed Mahmood through the off to the boundary then stood tall to play a fine drive off the back foot through the covers for another four.

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists players like Hoggard, Flintoff, Mahmood, Plunkett, Collingwood, Panesar with their respective statistics.

Bangladesh almost

FROM PAGE 17 as Komti converted a penalty corner to reduce the margin and then Abbasi struck two successive field goals to bring his side back into contention.

"I am not happy the way we played in the second half. We conceded two goals for defensive lapses. Actually the boys looked relaxed after a 4-0 lead, which is not a good sign.

After taking adding 25 to his overnight score of five, Maharoor was dropped by Paul Collingwood at third slip off Andrew Flintoff, leaving high to his right.

Now Sabina

FROM PAGE 17 accommodated into the ground as welders and masons continue their operations, with the only exception being the stoppage of cranes. The Jamaican and West Indies board have consented to playing with work in progress, but, in case the Indian players should have any problem, the authorities are ready to halt the proceedings completely.

Barthez No 1, Giuly out

FROM PAGE 17 performance at Euro 2004 in Portugal, did retain the core of the side he used to qualify for the finals anchored around World Cup winners Barthez, Zinedine Zidane, Lilian Thuram and Thierry Henry.

Lucky 13

FROM PAGE 20 That win set the tone for his country's drive to the semi-finals and Fontaine kept scoring notching two against Yugoslavia and another in the final group game against Scotland. He trumped two in the next match against Ireland in a match where the French won 4-0 and were rewarded with a match with Brazil, where they came up against Pele and company who proved too strong, ending the French dream with a 5-2 defeat.

Liverpool lift FA Cup

FROM PAGE 17 Liverpool 1-1 ahead in the shootout but Reina saved from Konchesky.

Reina described the final as "an absolutely crazy game." "It was a really bad performance from me in the game but keepers need to live a small line between mistakes and the saves and all I had to do was keep going," he said.

Justine replies in style

AFP, Berlin

Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne made her racquet speak more eloquently than a thousand words when she outplayed Amelie Mauresmo of France 6-1, 6-2 to reach the final of the German Open.

ICC okays WI

FROM PAGE 17 and exploit a huge market," said Malcolm Speed, the ICC's chief executive.

He added that India, with a population of over a billion and the combined populations of Canada and the United States of over 300 million, gives the West Indies a chance to take advantage of these huge economies.

Sports awards

FROM PAGE 17 best prize at national level, for their extraordinary contribution to different fields of sports and as sport organisers.

Federer-Nadal finale

Tennis

AFP, Rome

Top seed Roger Federer and world number two Rafael Nadal will renew their thrilling rivalry when they clash in the Rome Masters final on Sunday.

"He's still the number one. He's playing well and is into this final. I've beaten him before but this will

be another day," said Nadal.

Federer finally took revenge against his Argentine opponent after losing to Nalbandian last November in the final of the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai in five sets.

Rain the spoilsport

AFP, Port of Spain

A match that promised much following Runako Morton's second one-day international hundred for West Indies delivered very little when rain forced a no-result in the sixth one-day international against Zimbabwe at the Queen's Park Oval on Saturday.

'El Nino' wants to walk the walk

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Group H with Ukraine, Tunisia and Saudi Arabia, but Torres is cautious of being overconfident following their performance in the qualifiers.

without having guaranteed qualification," he added.

Torres made his Atletico debut against Leganes in May 2001 and in his first full season in 2002-03 he scored 13 goals to announce himself onto the domestic scene.

group stage and he will be hoping for a better end result when they begin their World Cup campaign against Ukraine in Leipzig on June 14.

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FROM PAGE 20 pitch. He's great off the pitch and everyone knows what he can do on it.

"But we've got other world-class players. A lot of them are club captains and have won huge games.

half an hour and seconds from a famous win when Gerrard sent the final into extra-time with a stunning last-gasp equaliser.

The Kop boss said: "Maybe after a week's rest he will be fit for the World Cup.

Benitez: Gerrard needs a rest

INTERNET, undated

Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez says Steven Gerrard will need to rest for a week after his long season, which started last July in the Champions League first round qualifier against TNS.

Early practice for police

AFP, Berlin

With the World Cup just 27 days away German police were given

Angola name

FROM PAGE 20 Airoso (FC Barreirense, Portugal), Rui Marques (Hull City, England)

Five more ply their trade in the English Premiership, including out-of-favour Manchester United hitman Ruud van Nistelrooy, with two playing at Barcelona in Spain and two in Germany, both at Hamburg.

Van Basten opts

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supplying five each, although only three coming from champions PSV Eindhoven, and one from Feyenoord.

Perfect start for Marion

REUTERS, Mexico City

Former Olympic sprint queen Marion Jones ran the year's second fastest 100 metres on her seasonal debut, clocking 11.06 seconds to defeat ex-world champion Torri Edwards at Veracruz, Mexico on Saturday.



Marion Jones, Olympic gold medalist sprinter from the USA, celebrates after winning the 100m sprint at the Galatletica event in Xalapa, Mexico on Saturday. Jones finished the race at 11:06 seconds.