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Hoggard only the 10th **Englishman**

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

The often underrated Yorkshire swing specialist reached the landmark when he caught and bowled Farveez Maharoof on the third day of the first Test against Sri Lanka at Lord's on Saturday and went on to finish with innings with figures of four for 27 from 14 overs as the

tourists were made to follow-on. "There was a little bit of movement and it was nice to get into that elite group," the 29-year-old Hoggard, playing his 52nd Test, told

reporters after stumps. However, he admitted: "I felt like a bag of spanners in the first innings

It (the ball) didn't come out right." There was a time when it looked as if Hoggard, criticised early in his international career for being onedimensional and lacking pace,

might lose his spot in the Test side. But England's 2004 tour of the West Indies saw the selfdeprecating seamer take a leading role, including a hattrick in the

Barbados Test "I didn't think I'd go on the West Indies tour. But Michael Vaughan put it to me in layman's terms that I was sweeping up the shop floor and keeping things tidy for the rest of the

Bangladesh almost

as Komti converted a penalty corner to reduce the margin and then Abbasi struck two successive field

goals to bring his side back into But the Iranian quest for their first point in the meet was effectively dashed when striker Shamim Reza

slammed in the fifth goal in the 65th Bangladesh coach Jamal Haider

expressed his dissatisfaction over the second half performance. "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. We should improve our performance to fulfill our target in

the competition," said Haider. On the other hand Iran was happy with the outcome. "We are more than happy with the performance. Hockey is still in the amateur stage in our country. We lost all three matches but that

In the day's other match, Singapore registered their first victory when they beat Sri Lanka 3-

doesn't matter," said Iran team

manage Zamani

The winners led the first half 1-0 with Kamsani scoring a field goal in

the 12th minute After the break, Ibrahim netted from a penalty stroke in the 42nd minute and Shaun scored the third

after three minutes. Abeyrathne scored the consola-

tion goal for Sri Lanka, who won one in three outings, in the 52nd minute.

Lucky 13

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 thumped 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. Almost inevitably Fontaine found the net in that match but it wasn't enough for his team. However, there was still the

consolation of the third-place match, which proved decisive in setting Fontaine's record mark. "I wasn't thinking about the top

scorer's title," he later said after scoring four goals in a 6-3 win over Germany that took his record to 13. The 1958 World Cup should

have been the start of a long career for Fontaine but within a few years he was forced to retire. The premature end to Fontaine's

career was announced in July 1962 while Reims were touring the French Antilles, but his playing days had effectively ended on January 1, 1961 after he broke his leg for the second time in nine months.

"Almost 50 years on, my record of 13 goals still reminds me of an amusing anecdote," says Fontaine today, remembering how during the final training session in France, one of his boots split open. "We only had two pairs at the time, and no spon-

sor, so I found myself in a bit of a fix." The striker was eventually saved by one of his team-mates, substitute Stephane Bruey, who luckily happened to take the same size as him. Six games and 13 goals later Fontaine returned his colleague's now famous boots. "So some of my goals were inspired by the presence

of two spirits within one sole,

Fontaine joked at that time.



Sri Lanka batsman Mahela Jawawardane drives one through the as England wicketkeeper Geraint Jones looks on

Mahela holds SL together

Cricket

REUTERS, London Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jaywardene completed his 14th Test century and his second at Lord's on

during the fourth day's play of the first Test at Lord's on Sunday.

Sunday with an innings of monumental patience on the fourth day of the first Test against England. Jayawardene, who was dropped by Andrew Strauss at third slip after scoring 58, reached his century

through four overthrows from Sajid Mahmood after more than five hours at the crease. At tea, which was taken 32 minutes early when bad light

stopped play, Sri Lanka were 339 for five. They had begun the day on 183 for three still needing 176 to make England bat again. Jayawardene added 130 from 246 balls for the fourth wicket with

nightwatchman Farveez Maharoof who looked as if he planned to emulate Australia's Jason Gillespie by scoring a double hundred. Maharoof, whose batting in this match has been distinctly more

impressive than his efforts with the new ball, also benefitted from sloppy England fielding. After taking adding 25 to his overnight score of five, Maharoof

was dropped by Paul Collingwood at third slip off Andrew Flintoff, leaping high to his right. In the next over Matthew Hoggard caught the edge of Jaywardene's bat only for Strauss, also at third slip, to drop an alto-

the innings. The twin reprieves allowed Sri Lanka to bat through the morning

gether simpler chance. It was

Strauss's second dropped catch of

session without losing a wicket, even though both batsmen were beaten regularly outside the offstump. Pace bowler Liam Plunkett,

who has yet to take a wicket in the match, was particularly unfortunate not to catch the edge. Maharoof 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. Mahmood got his revenge when

Maharoof, on 59, hit a delivery

straight to Kevin Pietersen at cover

who clutched the ball to his chest.

Twelve runs later Thilan Samaraweera, dismissed without scoring by Mahmood in the first innings, was caught behind by Geraint Jones off the same bowler for six. At that stage Mahmood had taken two for five off 13 balls.

Jaywardene was rewarded for 308 minutes of studious application when he ran a risky single after pushing a ball to Mahmood at midon. The run took him to 99 but Mahmood's throw missed the stumps and ran over the boundary for four to gift Jaywardene his cen-

Shortly afterward the umpires decided it was too dark to continue and the players left the field.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day of the first Test between England and Sri Lanka at Lord's on Sunday: ENGLAND: First innings 551-6 dec (Pietersen 158, Trescothick 106, Cook 89, Collingwood 57; Muralidaran 3-158) SRI LANKA: First innings 192

(Jayawardene 61; Hoggard 4-27, Mahmood 3-50)

SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 183-3) Mubarak b Hoggard Tharanga c Jones b Panesar Sangakkara c Jones b Panesar 65

Jayawardene not out Maharoof c Pietersen b Mahmood

Samaraweera c Jones b Mahmood Dilshan not out Extras: (b-9, lb-15, w-2, nb-4) 30 Total: (For 5 wkts in 111 overs) 339

4-291.5-303. To bat: Kapugedera, Vaas, Kulasekara, Muralidaran 0 Bowler

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-119, 3-178,

4 57 Hoggard 3 68 23 0 Flintoff Mahmood 19 75 19 69 Plunkett 12 Collingwood Panesar 19 6 Toss: England

Mexico put hopes

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Osorio (Cruz Azul), Francisco Javier Rodriguez (Guadalajara), Carlos Salcido (Guadalajara), Claudio Suarez (Chivas, USA).

Midfielders: Jesus Arellano (Monterrey), Rafael García (Atlas) Ramon Morales (Guadalajara) Antonio Naelson 'Sinha' (Toluca) Pavel Pardo (América). Luis Perez (Monterrey), Gonzalo Pineda (Guadalajara), Gerardo Torrado (Cruz Azul).

Forwards: Jared Borgetti (Bolton/ENG), Omar Bravo (Guadalajara), Francisco Fonseca Guillermo Franco Cruz Azul). (Villarreal/ESP)

Now Sabina

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. It's all just a necessarily evil as one

all just a bad dream before the birth of 'magnificent stadium". Magnificent it may turn out to be, but one just hopes it's ready for the

prepares for the World Cup next year;

World Cup. "We are a month or two behind schedule," said Wayne Reid, the chairman of the Jamaica Cricket 2007

World Cup Ltd. "The ground was refurbished last year itself, before West Indies played their Test against Pakistan, but the stands are taking longer than

expected." The delay has been attributed to a cement shortage, land-acquisition problems and issues relating to the closure of Melbourne Road to the north of Sabina Park.

Barthez No 1, Giuly out

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. "It wasn't easy." said Domenech

There were nights of doubt, of sleeplessness for everbody, but I am convinced this squad can go as far as possible in Germany." "What matters is the character shown by the players. The character

of those that play who have to face up to the pressure of the World Cup. And the character of those who have to fill the roles of being reserves. It's not easy." Thirteen of the 23 are based

outside of France with eight playing in England, three in Italy and one each in Spain and Germany. France have been grouped with

Switzerland, South Korea and Togo. The France squad for the World Cup finals announced on Sunday by coach Raymond Domenech:

SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Fabien Barthez (Marseille), Grégory Coupet (Lyon),

Mickaël Landreau (Nantes) Defenders: Eric Abidal (Lyon), Jean-Alain Boumsong (Newcastle/ENG), Pascal Chimbonda

(Wigan/ENG), William Gallas (Chelsea/ENG), Gaël Givet (Monaco), Willy Sagnol (Bayern Munich/GER), Mikaël Silvestre (Manchester United/ENG), Lilian Thuram (Juventus Turin/ITA) Midfielders: Vikash Dhorasoo

(Paris SG), Alou Diarra (Lens), Claude Makelele (Chelsea/ENG), Florent Malouda (Lyon), Patrick Vieira (Juventus Turin/ITA), Zinédine Zidane (Real Madrid/ESP) Forwards: Djibril Cissé (Liverpool/ENG), Thierry Henry (Arsenal/ENG), Franck Ribéry (Marseille), Louis Saha (Manchester United/ENG), David Trezeguet (Juventus Turin/ITA), Sylvain Wiltord (Lyon)

Liverpool lift FA Cup

FROM PAGE 17 Liverpool 2-1 ahead in the shootout

before Reina saved from Konchesky.

John Arne Riise blasted Liverpool 3-1 up leaving Anton Ferdinand needing to score to keep it alive. He did not manage it and the drama was finally over with Liverpool's fans and players going wild with delight at the end of a momentous occasion.

"It was an unbelievable game but we had that never say die attitude and we stuck in there," Gerrard told the BBC

"We always knew if it went to penalties we had a really good chance, we felt he was the better keeper with penalties."

Of his goals he said: "I just wanted to get good contact on the first but the second one was just a dream goal. It was a dream goal and a dream day.'

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.

Manager Rafael Benitez said of his compatriot: "Pepe is famous back in Spain for saving penalties so we had confidence in him and he did "I must give credit to my players

as after a 62 game season a lot of them had cramp but they kept going until the end, never gave up and have done a fantastic job. "The energy levels the players

showed was amazing. It was a fantastic final." West Ham captain Reo-Coker said: "I think we deserved to win

that. "We worked fantastically hard,

can ask nothing more from the

"It was a marvellous Cup final, we gave all we could give. I hope everyone associated with West Ham is proud, we gave it our all." West Ham manager Alan

Pardew told Sky Sports: "It felt like a defeat when the third goal went in but we rallied and had the biggest chance of extra-time. "We had to dig in, this was a top

team we were playing but I really felt we were going to win it. Only a 35yard smasher from Gerrard was going to change that.' promoted from the second division a

One consolation for West Ham. year ago, is that they will go into next year's UEFA Cup despite losing as Liverpool are already in the Champions League qualifiers courtesy of their third-place finish in the Premier League.

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.

It was their first meeting since the controversial Australian Open final in January when Henin retired unwell in the second set, creating an anti-climactic finish to Mauresmo's first Grand Slam title triumph.

Henin was widely criticised for that decision and Mauresmo conspicuously did not distance herself from that criticism. Now the Belgian gave her answer with a stunning display which overwhelmed the

world number one from France. Mauresmo graciously refused to use the excuse of having already played out the rest of her quarterfinal with Martina Hingis

earlier on Saturday.

"Some would say she shouldn't get the credit for this because I was tired, but I wouldn't take that option," said Mauresmo.

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. "Throughout the cricket world, all of the cricketing countries will be pleased that the West Indies will be able to take advantage of the power that these two huge economies and countries offer," said Speed.

"At the ICC we are very happy that the matches will be played in the United States and Canada. It will promote the game in these two countries. The relationship between the WICB and the BCCI is very important and the WICB should be congratulated for getting this agreement going.'

Sports awards

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

The award carries a gold medal weighing two tolas, a cheque for Tk 30,000 and a citation for each of the awardees

THE AWARDEES

organisers.

Golam Ambia (athletics), Nazrul Islam (athletics), Monem Munna (football, posthumous), Maj (retd) Shahabuddin Chaklader (hokey) Setara Begum (swimming), Bidyut Kumar Roy (weightlifting), Mahbubul Alam (judo), Nayek Ziaur Rahman (kabaddi), Siddigu Rahman (golf), SA Sultan (organiser) and Shah Nurul Kabir Shahin (organiser).

Angola name

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Airosa (FC Barreirense, Portugal) Rui Marques (Hull City, England) Midfielders: André (Kuwait SC, Kuwait), Edson (Pacos Ferreira Portugal), Figueiredo, Mendonca (Varzim, Portugal), Miloy (InterClube), Zé Kalanga (Petro Atletico)

Strikers: Akwá (unattached), Andre Titi Buengo (Clermont Foot France), Flávio (Al Ahli, Egypt), Love (AS Aviacao), Mantorras (Benfica, Portugal), Mateus (Gil Vicente, Portugal).

Van Basten opts

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

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

Goalkeepers: Edwin van der Sar

(Manchester United/ENG), Maarten Stekelenburg (Ajax) and Henk Timmer (AZAlkmaar) Defenders: Khalid Boulahrouz (SV

Hamburg/GER), Giovanni van

Bronckhorst (Barcelona/ESP), Tim de Cler (AZ Alkmaar), Kew Jaliens (AZ Alkmaar), Jan Kromkamp (Liverpool/ENG), Joris Mathijsen (AZ Alkmaar), André Ooijer (PSV Eindhoven), Johnny Heitinga (Ajax) Midfielders: Mark van Bommel (Barcelona/ESP), Phillip Cocu (PSV Eindhoven), Denny Landzaat (AZ Alkmaar), Hedwiges Maduro (Ajax), Wesley Sneijder (Ajax) and Rafael van der Vaart (SV Hamburg/GER) Forwards: Ryan Babel (Ajax), Dirk Kuijt (Feyenoord), Ruud van Nistelrooy (Manchester United/ENG), Robin van Persie (Arsenal/ENG), Arjen Robben (Chelsea/ENG) and Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink (PSV Eindhoven)

Federer-Nadal finale

Tennis

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. Federer had to win a third-set tiebreaker to beat Argentina's David Nalbandian 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 while defending champion Nadal cruised into the final with a 6-2, 6-2 victory against Frenchman Gael

The Spaniard's 77-minute win took his clay court record to 16-0 in 2006 while victory on Sunday will pull him level with Gullermo Vilas on 53 straight clay-court wins, a mark set in 1977. Sunday's best-of-five-set

match, which Nadal won -- his fourth win in five meetings with the But the 19-year-old Nadal, the reigning French Open champion,

showdown will be a replay of last

month's Monte Carlo Masters title

continues to respect his Swiss rival. "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. "I've had two tough matches in

two days," said Federer, now 38-2

"I'm happy with the way that I'm playing. And I'm glad to be in a

second final here. Federer said that his win against the South American -- he

now stands 5-6 on the series --

Federer has now advanced to

was an important step. "I want to send a message to those few guys (Tim Henman and Nadal) who have a winning record against me -- I'm still here.

the finals in the last six Masters Series events he has played, winning four of them. His only loss came last month

in Monte Carlo.

Federer, accompanied for the clay and grass seasons by his legendary coach Tony Roche, is building towards a run at a firstever Roland Garros title starting May 28.

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.

Chasing a revised target of 191 from 30 overs, Zimbabwe had reached 72 for two off 12.1 overs, and were ahead of the required scoring rate under the Duckworth-Lewis Method, when the second shower of the afternoon drenched the ground, forcing the umpires to abandon the remainder of the match. Makeshift opener Morton had

struck 12 fours and one six in 109 from 150 balls, as West Indies totalled 263 for six from their allocation of 50 overs after choosing to bat in ideal conditions. It took a late charge from left-

hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Carlton Baugh, Jr., in an unbroken stand of 57 for the seventh wicket to beef up the Windies' total.

Chanderpaul struck two fours and two sixes in an unbeaten 51 at better than a run-a-ball and Baugh clouted three fours and one six in 25 not out from 15 balls

'El Nino' wants to walk the walk

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

"We cannot complain because

Spain is superior to the other three teams of the group," he added. "Theoretically we should be in the next phase, but in a World Cup you can't be sure of anybody because of the surprise factor of

the national teams we know little

about, and we have already had

some upsets in qualification. I hope

that we learned from this experi-The Atletico Madrid frontman opened his qualifying account in the 5-0 win over Serbia and Montenegro in February before his double against Belgium on October 8 added to his international reputa-

Four days later he struck a superb hat-trick in the 6-0 demolition of San Marino, securing the play-off berth. Things didn't go well in the

classification group. Draws meant

that we reached the last games

without having guaranteed qualification." he added. "The Serbia team maintained a

high competitive level throughout the qualification round. I realised that something had changed, a new phase had started for me in the national team. One cycle had ended, and a new one, full of hope had begun." 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. In the next two seasons he scored 35 goals, leaving himself with an impressive record of 48 in 102 Primera Liga appearances

campaign

scene by scoring Spain's winning goal in the final of both the 2001 UEFA Under-16 Championship and the 2002 Under-19 Championship. His first taste of major tourna-

ment action came at Euro 2004, but

he could not stop Spain bowing out

after failing to qualify from the

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

"Helping Spain to get to the

World Cup in Germany was more

than just a wish for me. It was an

obligation, as well as a dream come true for me personally," he said. "Being the top Spanish scorer in La Liga made Luis Aragones trust in me to play the qualifying rounds with the first team.

"It's not easy to describe, but every time that I heard the national anthem, arms linked with those of my team-mates, I felt that we had behind us the support and strength before the start of the 2005-06 of the supporters whom we couldn't Torres first burst onto the world disappoint. There was just one aim

> With one target met, Torres will turn his attention to World Cup success and if Spain captain Raul raises the famous trophy above his head in Berlin on July 9, 'El Nino' will surely be able to put his name alongside Owen and Ronaldinho

to be in Germany."

BITS AND BOBS

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

players. A lot of them are club cap-

tains and have won huge games. **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

The Reds ended a marathon season by beating West Ham on penalties after a 3-3 draw, in the FA Cup at Cardiff. . The Hammers were two-up after

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

a week's rest he will be fit for the World Cup. "It's better if you're winning games. You can be tired but you're happier and the recovery is easier.

"Steven has won 12 games in a row if you include the win on penalties and it will be fantastic for him if he can keep winning in the World Cup. Maybe he can score some more goals."

Early practice for police

With the World Cup just 27 days

away German police were giver

barriers and stormed the pitch in the direction of their rival supporters alerting the 1.000 police officers on hand.

some early practice of how to deal

with unruly football fans in a regional

match between Berlin rivals BFC

Dynamo and FC Union on Saturday.

situation and several arrests were After 15 minutes of riots the local

scores at 1-1. German organisers have promised tight security at next month's World Cup when fans from all over the world will come to see their

Perfect start

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

American's first appearance in 11

months and produced her fastest

The race was the 30-year-old

Despite registering a morale-

for Marion

REUTERS, Mexico City

Saturday. Jones finished the race at 11:06 seconds.

Marion Jones, Olympic gold medalist sprinter from the USA, celebrates after winning the 100m sprint at the Galatletica event in Xalapa, Mexico on

child with then-partner Tim Montgomery in June 2003. The couple separated last year

December by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

boosting victory, the triple goldmedal winner at the 2000 Sydney Olympics crossed the line more than four-tenths of a second off her personal best of 10.65 seconds set

ond in 11.30 seconds although the sprinters did run into a headwind. America's world 200 metres champion Allyson Felix has the

year's quickest time of 11.04 sec-

Edwards finished a distant sec-

Jones, who is hoping to reestablish herself as a world-class sprinter, has suffered a slump in form since giving birth to her first

and Montgomery was banned from the sport for two years and stripped of his 100 metres world record in

With bottles and other objects being launched onto the pitch the police were forced to calm the derby was abandoned with the

teams play.

Saturday.

time since 2004.