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Patty Schnyder of Switzerland returns a volley to Lilia Osterloh at the Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open in Mason on Monday.

### I'll do it my way: Prince

CRICINFO, undated

Ashwell Prince, recently announced as South African captain for the Test series in Sri Lanka, says his style of captaincy is a world apart from the man he replaced.

Prince acknowledged that "unforeseen circumstances" -- Graeme Smith's injury -- led him to captain the national side but that he was up to the task.

"People should not expect me to do things the way Graeme did," Prince told reporters on the eve of South Africa's departure for Sri Lanka. "Graeme is a very aggressive captain: I am quieter on the

Despite the loss of key players, Prince remained confident of success and his abilities. "Not having Graeme, Jacques Kallis and Shaun Pollock [for the first Test] will be a huge setback," he said. "We realise each one of us will have to contribute something extra. But, the captaincy will not be completely new to me. have gained valuable experience at Western Province and things went

Prince added that people skills would not be an issue. "I work well with the coach and senior players and like to work out things tactically, he said. "One must think deeply about what you have to do as captain. I also get on well with the players and do not anticipate any problems on that front."

Mickey Arthur, the South African coach, said a decision would be taken later whether Prince would continue to lead for the triangular one-day series also featuring India.

"We'll first see how things go in the Test series." he said. "When Haroon Lorgat [convener of the selectors] joins us on tour, we will decide whether Ashwell will captain the side for the one-day matches."

With Justin Kemp unlikely to play in the one-day series, the possibility of Prince retaining the captaincy

#### Nat'l soccer

Tk 18 lakh more than the original

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"Unlike the previous years, we

are giving financial assistance to the venues. The members of the teams will also receive allowances. The remaining amount will be at the BFF fund." Malu informed. Like previous years, the federa-

tion will scout talented players and BFF president SA Sultan believed that it would help the governing body of football to start the process of grooming youngsters.

"The sponsors are committed to football and they are interested to provide fund for our Academy, which will be built at Gazipur under FIFA's

Goal Project," Sultan said. "We have many plans but do not have the fund to implement them. I think the base is ready and oce the fund arrives, everything will fall into

places.' Abu Mohammed Saveed, CEO of sponsors Telebarta Limited, hoped

that their contribution would play a significant role in the development of the game.

"Many people discouraged us but we have come forward to sponsor football because it is the most popular game in the world. I hope this tournament would be able to attract fans to the ground. We will be glad if our involvement helps football," he

The BFF also presented the theme song of the tournament at the press conference.

### Patty survives scare

Tennis

Swiss star Patty Schnyder's title defence got off to a rough start as she posted a 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (7/1) win over Lilia Osterloh in the opening round of the Western and Southern Financial Group Open. Top seed and defending champ

Schnyder dropped the second set before winning a third set tiebreaker. Ranked eighth in the world, Schnyder claimed her 10th and

most recent career title here last year with a 6-4, 6-0 triumph over Akiko Morigami of Japan. The Swiss native had a much harder time with the 108th-ranked

Pulling even following a stellar second set, Schnyder fell behind, 4-1. in the third before fighting off a

match point and rolling in the tie-

She next will face another American, either Alexa Glatch or qualifier Abigail Spears.

The only other seed scheduled Monday was No. 4 Katarina Srebotnik of Slovenia, who advanced in a walkover when Melinda Czink of Hungary suffered a right shoulder strain.

Srebotnik will face either Meng Yuan of China or Marian Diaz-Oliva of Argentina in the second round.

The highlight of this 175,000 dollar hardcourt event is the return of seven-time Grand Slam champion Serena Williams. Williams, 24, has not played

since January's Australian Open because of a left knee injury. She began the year ranked 11th in the world but has slipped to 140th due to The two-time US Open cham-

pion will have a difficult assignment early as she faces second seed and 2004 French Open champion Anastasia Myskina in a first-round match Tuesday.

In one of the other two matches Monday, Emma Laine of Finland advanced with a 6-3, 6-1 rout of Austrian Sybille Bammer.

#### **Pakistan** drops Peshawar as int'I venue

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan have dropped the North-Western Frontier Province city of Peshawar from their list of international venues this season after complaints from the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"The ICC match referee had expressed his dissatisfaction over the facilities and arrangements when we played India in a onedayer in Feb this year," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) director Abbas Zaidi told Reuters.

"The complaints pertained to lack of facilities and proper security arrangements for the match officials and teams." he added. "We have informed the

Peshawar cricket authorities about the ICC complaint. We expect them to work on improving things. After which we will review it for holding international games.'

### United cut interest bill

shirt sponsorship deal, with US

insurance group AIG, worth £56.5m

stadium capacity has increased to

76.000 and a new Premiership TV

deal with BSkyB and Setanta will

At the same time the Old Trafford

over four years.

also swell its coffers.

Football

INTERNET, undated

Football giant Manchester United has confirmed a refinancing package which cuts its annual interest bill A deal next month will see loan

charges on sums borrowed from three hedge funds fall from £90m (\$164m) a year to £68m. As part of the restructuring plan,

total debt will rise from £580m to £660m, but the club called the move "good housekeeping" US tycoon Malcolm Glazer

bought United for £790m in 2005, but some fans said his financial plan was unworkable.

Stadium enlargement At the time of the takeover the Shareholders United group said Mr Glazer had no chance of being able

to repay the vast sums of money he needed to borrow to seal the deal. However, since then United's

financial situation has improved as

the club has signed a major new

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tained his chances of a top finish on

the race after he finished ninth to

stay fifth overall at 2:17 behind

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reach of Landis, the race is far from

Schleck, who was part of an 18-

man breakaway which escaped

from the peloton early in the race,

played his hand to perfection.

being over.

favourites within three minutes

With another two tough days in

Spaniard Carlos Sastre main-

three minutes behind Landis.

As part of the financial shake-up, the £135m owed by United in the form of higher-risk payment-in-kind notes will no longer convert into

the possibility of being run by bank-The restructuring is seen as key

That will release the club from

to United as they look to bolster their squad to help them challenge for domestic and European honours. The club said the changes now

give manager Sir Alex Ferguson sufficient funds to compete in the transfer market", at a time when he is eyeing up potential buys from disgraced Italian giant Juventus.

On and off the pitch, United have undergone a slight wobble during the past couple of years.

Earlier this year, a survey said

Schleck tops 15th stage Italian climber Cunego had been the first to attack from an eight-man group of riders which had emerged

> Behind them, Landis's group were chasing with close to a threeminute deficit although they soon began to close in on the trailers.

> Cunego's turn of pace eliminated even more of his stage rivals, and soon only Schleck was able to

The Luxemburger rode alongside the diminutive Italian until. with a little more than two kilometres to go, he upped the pace himself. It proved decisive. Cunego

couldn't follow, and as Schleck went on to ride over the finish line the Italian came in around 10sec

"I don't really realise what I've done yet," said a delighted Schleck, whose win was all the more impressive as it is his race debut.

that Real Madrid had leapfrogged

Manchester United to become the world's richest football club in terms

On the pitch, Chelsea have dominated the domestic league and United have failed to make an impression in European competi-

Meanwhile, the Glazer family has increased its presence at United and there are now six members on the board.

### Duff transfer

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Chelsea would also listen to offers for Shaun Wright-Phillips who arrived from Manchester City last summer but has struggled. A number of clubs, headed by Newcastle United, had hoped to take the 24year-old winger on loan but Chelsea appear to want only a sale - if suitors are willing to pay close to the £21m City received. Duff and Wright-Phillips returned

to training at Chelsea yesterday along with five others not involved in the World Cup including new signings goalkeeper Hilario and Salomon Kalou.

Chelsea, who are hoping to push ahead with a deal to sign Roberto Carlos and are likely to bid for Ashley Cole, are also still to agree terms with Valencia who have offered £4.75m for Asier Del Horno. The left-back cost £8m from Athletic Bilbao last summer and although Chelsea will accept a loss they hope Valencia will increase their offer a

Chelsea remain among the second seeds for the Champions League next season despite the almost certain exclusion of Juventus and Milan. Manchester United, Arsenal and Liverpool are among the eight top seeds.

Despite Chelsea being Premiership champions for two years running, their English rivals have notched up more Uefa coefficient points by having a longer history in Europe's élite club competition.Beaten finalists Arsenal and Liverpool still need to qualify to take their place among the top seeds for the group phase while Celtic, who qualified automatically as Scottish champions, are in the second pot

# spot at stake

AFP, London

India leg-spinner Anil Kumble faces a battle to force his way into the Surrey team after the English county found themselves with an embarrassment of slow bowling

The English side have hired Kumble as one of their overseas players and he was due to arrive in London on Tuesday. Surrey have gone to the top of

the Second Division this season on the back of 68 wickets taken by spinners Ian Salisbury and Nayan "Nine months ago it was a no-

brainer," coach Alan Butcher told the Times. "But the two lads have done

really well. Anyway, there is nothing in the rule book that says you can't play three spinners in the same side and that's what we are planning to do at Guildford (in their next fixture)

#### FIBA-Asia refs' clinic concludes

SPORTS REPORTER

The two-day FIBA-Asia Basketball referees' clinic concluded at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium

FIBA Sports Director Lubomir Kotleba conducted event organised by the Bangladesh Basketball ederation (BBF).

BBF president Maj Gen (ret) ZA Khan distributed certificates among the 30 referees from India, Nepal, Malaysia, Korea and hosts Bangladesh on the concluding day.

#### **Booters unhappy**

FROM PAGE 17 vide the bylaws of the professional

league and any specific kick-off date," said Amer Khan, manager of Brothers Union. Abahani football manager

Satyajit Das Rupu said his club did not appeal to defer the transfer and they are eagerly waiting for it. Deputy general secretary of

Mohammedan Sporting Club Mostakur Rahman said they had requested to the BFF to defer the transfer for one month as most of their officials have just returned home after watching the FIFA World Cup in Germany. Mostak thinks the clash of

programmes between the BFF and the National Sports Council is due to lack of understanding of the officials. "The BFF wants to start league and NSC wants to install the athletics track at the BNS at the same time," he reminded. He said they also want to take

part in the transfer but the BFF has to start the league within one month of the transfer. National striker Alfaz Ahmed

said. "We should think about an alternative of the BNS and country's football could not be run at just one

#### Tendulkar fit

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"greatest test of character" but added he was determined to win. "If you are unlucky, you will get

iniured even if you are the fittest guy in the world. What I don't want to lose is the desire to get back in action and the hunger to go out there and perform," he said. India need Tendulkar in prime

form for the World Cup in the Caribbean in March-April next year, but a lot of cricket remains to be played before that. After the tri-series in Sri Lanka,

India will take part in the International Cricket Council's Champions Trophy at home in October-November before touring South Africa at the end of the year for three Tests and five one-davers.

#### India's ex-captain

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Sathyan, a defender, represented India for 15 years from 1980 to 1995 and also played for the country's leading clubs like Mohun Bagan and East Bengal. After retirement, he became a

national selector with the All India Football Federation and served as assistant to former Indian coach Stephen Constantine in 1996. Federation secretary Alberto

Colaco said he was "shocked to hear about the extreme step taken by Sathvan." "It is a huge shock for the football

fraternity. His death is a great loss for the game in the country," Colaco

#### Inter to sue FROM PAGE 20

from football for five years, but he

came out fighting by suggesting that Inter president Giacinto Facchetti had also been involved in underhand dealings. Moratti condemned the remarks

saying: "These are the words of desperate people...We at Inter will sure Moggi because we have nothing to do with this and these things should not even be thought of."

The punishments handed out to the four clubs remain provisional pending a full appeals process.

# Anil's Surrey spot at stake It's between Andrews

Cricket

Stand-in skipper Andrew Strauss insisted he'd have no problems handing the England captaincy back to Andrew Flintoff after guiding the team to a draw in the first Test against Pakistan.

Flintoff missed the opening encounter of the four-match series here at Lord's with an ankle injury.

But the star of last year's Ashes triumph hopes to resume as both captain and player for the second Test at his Old Trafford home ground starting on July 27, although he must first come through Lancashire's County Championship match away to Kent, commencing Tuesday.

England, in pace bowling allrounder Flintoff's absence, never looked like bowling Pakistan out after Strauss, in his first Test as skipper, declared 30 minutes into the final day and set his opponents a Lord's record 380 to win in the fourth innings.

Strauss, whose 128 in the second innings saw him become only the third man to make a hundred on his Test debut as England captain, said: "Obviously we want Fred (Flintoff) to be fit for every Test match we play.'

But opening batsman Strauss, skipper during the recent 5-0 oneday series drubbing by Sri Lanka, insisted England could win without their talisman. "I think we can, there's definitely the raw materials there but some-

times you need to play without a

player like that to learn not to rely on

him," he explained after a result that

left England with just two wins from

their last 11 Tests. Ian Bell is the man most likely to

be dropped for Flintoff, despite the Warwickshire batsman's 100 not out in the first innings at Lord's.

"Someone is going to have to make way for Fred both as a player and as a captain," Strauss added. "I'm more than happy to support Fred when he comes back. He's done a great job for England and I'm sure he'll continue to do so."

And Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer was in no doubt about the threat posed by Flintoff. "He'll be fresh and firing," said the former England batsman. "It will be tougher for us with him in the side." Pakistan were minus pacemen

Hasan (groin) and Mohammad Asif (elbow), as well as batsmen Shoaib Malik (elbow) and Younis Khan (knee), at Lord's. But Woolmer insisted Younis

Shoaib Akhtar (ankle), Navedul

was now "100 per cent fit." And he added that Akhtar, who arrives in England on Tuesday, would try to return for the third Test at Headingley, starting August 4, having taken 17 wickets in Pakistan's 2-0 home win over England in a three-match series

late last vear. "We like to think he's in line for Headingley but there's still plenty of work for him to do. It depends on how he comes through next 10 or 15 days.

"Cardio-vascular wise he's as fit as he's ever been, we just need to get that foot right. In the end it will be up to him to tell us if he's in any pain." Woolmer explained.

By batting on Monday's final day Strauss denied an attack, where both Harmison (shin) and Hoggard (hand) looked short of overs after injuries this season, a chance of a second new ball. Overnight, Pakistan already

needed to equal the Lord's-record

fourth innings winning total of 342

successfully chased by the West Indies in 1984

But Strauss defended his decision not to declare first thing Monday on his

Middlesex home ground. "Those previous records are slightly irrelevant because the nature of the wicket here at Lord's has changed quite a lot in the last few years -- it doesn't break up as

much as it used to." But Woolmer was taken aback "If you are going to bowl a side out on the last day, you need two new balls at some stage."

The tourists, whose first innings featured a sublime 202 by man-ofthe-match Mohammad Yousuf -the highest score by a Pakistan batsman in a Lord's Test -- never looked like losing and closed on 214 for four second time around with Inzamamul Haq 56 not out.

It was Inzamam's ninth succes-

sive fifty against England and Woolmer said of Pakistan's captain: "I thought he played absolutely brilliantly. He never looked in any trouble at all." But that was not the case with

Pakistan's novice openers, who managed just 61 runs in four innings between them at Lord's. However, Woolmer insisted: " think Salman Butt and Imran Farhat

are good enough players to develop and get better.' Pakistan have a four-day match against Northamptonshire starting Thursday where batsman Taufeeq Umar and seamer Rao Ifitikhar Anium, recent call-ups to an injury

hit squad, are both expected to play. In the meantime Woolmer said Pakistan would take heart from their Lord's display. "We didn't crumble in the face or a large total, we continued the fighting spirit we've shown over the last 18 months and we are still in the series with a chance of winning.

## Pathan not downcast

Cricket

REUTERS, Mumbai

India bowling prospect Irfan Pathan believes his disappointing performance on the recent tour of West Indies was just a minor setback and he is confident of returning to his best form soon.

Expected to spearhead a youthful pace attack, the 21-year-old leftarmer emerged as one of the few failures in India's first series victory in the Caribbean for 35 years. Selected for only one of the four

matches. Pathan returned modest figures of two wickets for 93 in the drawn second Test at St. Lucia as his teammates went on to capture the series by a 1-0 margin. "Sometimes things don't go your

phone from his hometown Baroda. "It's not just me. I guess it hap pens to every cricketer over time. Munaf Patel and Shanthakumaran Sreesanth shared the new ball in the final-Test victory while

Pathan was relegated to the

way," Pathan told Reuters over the

reserves due to what coach Greg Chappell said was a drop in the bowler's confidence. Pathan had also struggled in the five-match one-day series that preceded the Tests, taking just six wickets in four matches while con-

ceding 179 runs as the hosts stormed to a 4-1 victory. "I was trying very hard, the wickets were on the slower side," he added, mindful of the fact that next year's World Cup is being held in the

"I'm not frustrated, I'm looking forward to the new challenges.

Pathan said The bowler does have plenty of

opportunities to rediscover his form ahead of the World Cup as India's busy schedule continues next month with a tri-series involving South Africa and Sri Lanka in Colombo. India then host the Champions Trophy from October 7 to November

5 before embarking on a tour of South Africa in mid-November for three Tests and five one-day internationals.

Pathan made an immediate



#### **IRFAN PATHAN**

impact on the international scene following his impressive Test debut as a teenager during the drawn series in Australia in 2003-04, and he was quick to build on that initial success.

Producing sharp, late movement to trouble the right-handers, he grabbed 12 wickets on the historic tour of Pakistan which followed. helping India claim their maiden Test series triumph across the border.

However, a side strain forced

him out of the final two games of the 2-1 home series defeat against Australia in late 2004 and he then opted to swap express pace for swing on the advise of Australian

bowling great Dennis Lillee. Pathan initially struggled to regain his form, managing just six wickets in the drawn home Test series against Pakistan, but he emerged as the hero in India's victory in Zimbabwe last year with a record 21-wicket haul in the two-Test series.

The win was India's first Test series triumph outside the subcontinent in 19 years.

Also a batsman with natural flair, Pathan proceeded to make an impact as an all-rounder as India won 17 out of 22 one-dayers against Sri Lanka, South Africa, Pakistan and England before the West Indies brought them crashing back down to earth.

However, he does not think extra pressure as batsman is compromisna his bowlina.

"I'm happy to do what the team demands, though I'm primarily a bowler." Pathan said. "As a bowler, I know my limitations and strengths. I'm essentially

a swing bowler. Pace, for me

depends on the rhythm I'm in. Swing's my main weapon.' Pathan has also discussed his bowling with the West Indian great

Andv Roberts. "He advised me on my run-up." said Pathan, who has also sought advice from former Pakistan cap-

tain Wasim Akram. "Everyone has a different point of view. You take what you think is best." he added.

### Inzamam bats until draw

Trescothick b Gul

Bell run out

Hoggard not out

Cook c Yousuf b Gul

(knee), all sidelined

In England's first innings 528 for nine declared, Collingwood struck a Test-best 186 with Cook making and Ian Bell 100 not out.

England, as well as Flintoff, were

ers Simon Jones (knee) and Ashley Giles (hip). But Pakistan had even worse injury problems with pacemen Shoaib Akhtar (ankle), Navedul Hasan (groin) and Mohammad Asif (elbow), as well as batsmen Shoaib

without fellow Ashes-winning bowl-

Ultimately, neither side had the bowling firepower to take 20 wickets on a batsman's pitch although Pakistan dropped seven catches. England will hope to have Flintoff

back in time for the second Test

which gets underway at the all-

rounder's Old Trafford home ground

Malik (elbow) and Younis Khan

on July 27 Flintoff though must first prove his fitness in Lancashire's County Championship match away to Kent starting Tuesday

**SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard on the fifth and final day

night 258-7)

of the first Test between England and Pakistan at Lord's on Monday: ENGLAND: First innings 528-9 dec (Collingwood 186, Cook 105, Bell 100 no; Kaneria 3-119) PAKISTAN: First innings 445

41 27 Panesar 60 (Yousuf 202, Inzamam 69, Akmal Pietersen 5 19 58; Harmison 4-94, Hoggard 3-117) 2 Collingwood 0 ENGLAND: Second innings (over-Result: Match drawm

Strauss c Farhat b Kaneria Pietersen st Akmal b Afridi Collingwood c Butt b Kaneria Trafford Aug 04-08: Third Test, Headingley Jones c Akmal b Kaneria Aug 17-21: Fourth Test, The Oval Plunkett c Akmal b Razzaq Extras: (b-5, lb-6, w-1, nb-6) Total: (For 8 wkts dec in 84.5 overs) 296

Did not bat: Harmison, Panesar **Bowler** 23 Kaneria 77 Razzaq 9.5 0 45 Afridi 19 65 Farhat PAKISTAN: Second innings Butt Ibw b Hoggard

Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-64, 3-141, 4-

146, 5-203, 6-250, 7-253, 8-296

Farhat c Collingwood b Hoggard 18 Igbal c Cook b Panesar Yousuf Ibw b Panesar Inzamam not out Razzaq not out Extras: (b-1, lb-8, w-5, nb-5) Total: (For 4 wkts in 73 overs) 214 Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-33, 3-116, 4-Did not bat: Afridi, Akmal, Sami, Gul,

Kaneria. **Bowler** 31 Hoggard Harmison 43

Man-of-the-match: Mohammad Yousuf **REMAINING FIXTURES** Jul 27-31: Second Test, Old

> **Pakistanis** gain

West Indies Zimbabwe Bangladesh **BATTING** Batsman Country 931 Ponting Australia Dravid Pakistan Kallis SAfrica Pakistan Yousuf Hayden Pakistan Hussey Australia W Indies Lara England

New Zealand

**BOWLING** Batsman Ntini Warne McGrath Hoggard Flintoff Akhtar Kumble

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England Pakistan N Zealand Bond Vaas SLanka Collymore W Indies

#### Davitamon's Cadel Evans started the climb with Landis and T-Mobile pair Andreas Kloden and Matthias from the 18 early on the climb of the Kessler, however the Australian was also left trailing as the Alpe took Evans finished out of the top ten on the stage, and lost nearly a