### Pakistan pocket bronze medal

AFP, Manchester

Penalty corner ace Sohail Abbas slammed five goals as Pakistan demolished South Africa 10-2 to win the bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games men's hockey on Sunday.

by New Zealand in the semi-finals. hit back to gain a consolation victory after starting the tournament as cofavourites with reigning champions

Australia take on the Kiwis for

Abbas' lightening pushes at

He would have had one more in the bag, but a penalty stroke two minutes from the end hit the top of

hit back to draw level through Gregg Clark and Emile Smith.

Abbas, however, netted twice late in the first half as Pakistan crossed over with a comfortable 4-2

watching Pakistan's awesome strike power in the second half which produced six goals

Muhammad Nadeem scored his second goal, while Mudassar Khan, Kashif Jawad and Ghazanfar Ali added to the tally.

### Parore's proposal

**INTERNET**, undated

Former New Zealand wicketkeeper Adam Parore has called for the ICC to defer home ground advantage to the defending champions of the ICC Champions Trophy.

"It would give the ICC Trophy competition a point of difference. I cannot see any downside to it," he wrote in his biography The Wicked Keeper.

"What a great promotion for New Zealand cricket if next month's event had been held here

"The ICC is conscious of promoting the game. They should look at it. It would have given the game a boost in New Zealand if a major competition like that was played at home," Parore added.

### Farewell

an aggregate 10th after taking four titles at the 1998 Kuala Lumpur

His country formed part of the entertainment with Melbourne. hosts for the 2006 Commonwealth Games, showcasing what it had to offer in the form of singers, dancers -- and giant photos of the sundrenched city.

Du Toit was presented with an award for the outstanding athlete of the Games. The 18-year-old, who lost part of her left leg in a motorcycling accident last year, won golds in the women's multidisability 50 and 100 metres freestyle events.

But it was reaching the 800 metres final -- open to all swimmers -- that gave her the most pleasure.

When Manchester opened the Games on July 25, the city, which was devastated by an IRA bomb six years ago, vowed to show the world it had bounced back and was no grim northern outpost.

But the Games were also a chance for Britain to prove it could host a multi-sport event after failed Olympics bids and an embarrassing fiasco over the staging of the 2005 world athletics championships which hosts London had to abandon last vear.

Britain is considering a bid with London for the 2012 Olympics, the venue of which will be decided in 2005.

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HATRRICK HERO: Australia's Jamie Dwyer exults after scoring his third goal against New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games hockey final in Manchester on August 4.

# **Gold Hockeyroos**

Manchester.

AFP, Manchester

Jamie Dwyer scored a spectacular hattrick as favourites Australia retained the Commonwealth Games men's hockey title with an emphatic 5-2 win over New Zealand here on Sunday.

tussle between the trans-Tasman rivals fizzled out into a one-sided final after Australia took a commanding 4-0 lead at half-time. It was Australia's second win

having convincingly won the league "Everything fell to plan, I am

over the Kiwis in the competition.

after the medal presentation. "Its very rare to score three, but it's the guys around me that made it

"We want to be the team in front and have everyone chasing us. We just have to keep up the fitness and keep on winning.

New Zealand coach Kevin Towns said his team played better in the league match, but was happy

to settle for silver. "I think we started better in the pool game than we did today," he said. "It was all downhill after conceding a 4-0 lead.

"But we've come a long way since the last Games in Kuala Lumpur where we did not win a

"The 2004 Olympics in Athens is the next step where we've got to reach the heights that the team played here.' Australia, who finished second

behind Germany at the World Cup in Malaysia in March, will now prepare for the elite six-nation Champions Trophy to be played in the German city of Cologne at the end of the month. The Aussies, kept at bay for the

first 20 minutes by the brilliant New

Zealand goalkeeper Paul Woolford,

responded with four quick strikes in the space of 12 minutes. Troy Elder opened the scoring with a stinging shot from the top of the circle that beat Woolford's

outstretched right pad. Australia had their second goal in the 25th minute when Michael McCann broke through on the left flank and Dwyer dived in front to push in a cross.

Three minutes later, Craig Victory deflected a penalty corner shot to make it 3-0 with his eighth

goal in the competition

Dwyer's second goal just before half time, beating an advancing Woolford from the top of the circle, ensured Australia were well in command at the break Phillip Burrows pulled one back

for New Zealand 10 minutes into the second half, but the Kiwis were reduced to 10 men when Ryan Archibald was sent off for a stickcheck on Victory. Sensing another opening, Australia pressed on the pedal and

when Dwyer beat Woolford with a powerful shot from close range to achieve the hat-trick. It was Australia's turn to be one man short on the field as McCann was booked for a rough tackle on Dion Gosling 15 minutes from the

were rewarded with their fifth goal

Assured of victory, Australia brought in reserve goalkeeper Stephen Lambert for the last five minutes, only to see him face a penalty stroke after a goal-mouth

Hayden Shaw cooly pushed home to emerge the competition's leading scorer with 13 goals, but New Zealand missed his penalty corner conversions in the final.

## Slater at crossroads

when the pressure absolutely got to

"I reacted to how I felt at the time. I wish I had a better outlet to release that pressure that seemed to be building. This is a rebuilding year for me and I have to regain the confidence of people around me,

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Total: (For 2 wickets in 15.4 overs)

Result: Sri Lanka won by 8 wickets.

Series: Sri Lanka won the series 2-0.

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Man-of-the-match: D Fernando.

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**SRILANKA** 

was probably a little bit erratic,

where you can go one of two ways. There was enough happening last year and enough criticism where, if I have been pushed down the wrong

way and out of the game." Slater explained his goals for the

the Sunday Telegraph.

come up at the next level."

at an average of 43.

Lanka in December 1995 in Perth.

### Mukti relv

**TEAMS** 

and Emeka. ARAMBAGH: Himu, Kollol, Aziz, Shaheen, Rezaul, Kamal, Bidyut, Apu, Tanvir, Oeinu and Awal

"I know there's so much more I want to achieve in the game," he told

"I want to contribute to NSW cricket and, if that goes well, you never know, an opportunity might

Slater made his Test debut for Australia in June of 1993 and most recently played in August 2001. In that time he has scored 5312 runs, including 21 fifties and 14 centuries,

His highest Test score is 219 (his only double-ton), made against Sri

He has only ever opened the innings for his country. When he has

game's only yellow card. The national midfielder looked out of shape and produced none of the kind of football he is capable of.

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THE LOWEST

## **FINAL TABLE**

The final Commonwealth Game

AFP, Manchester

medals table on Sunday (Tabulate under: Gold. bronze, total) India South Africa 9 Malavsia Scotland Nigeria Kenya Singapore Cyprus Pakistan Zimbabwe Namibia Tanzania Bangladesh Guyana Mozambique Botswana Uganda Samoa Barbados

Lesotho Mauritius

## Yorkshire in final

AFP, London

England all-rounder Craig White starred with both bat and ball as Yorkshire booked their place in the Trophy final thanks to a crushing 10wicket victory over Surrey at Headingley on Sunday

Medium-fast bowler White first took four for 35 as Surrey were held to 173 for eight before his 100 not out guided Yorkshire to their Duckworth/Lewis winning score of 167 in a rain-affected fixture. Matthew Wood was 57 not out.

White struck one six and 16 fours in his 78-ball stay - a pleasant way to warm-up for the second Test against India at Trent Bridge on Thursday where he has retained his squad place and seems likely to play after useful contributions to England's series-opening win at Lord's.

Earlier England exile Mark Ramprakash's grinding 63 had seemingly given Surrey a defensible total when batting conditions were at their most testing.

The visitors' innings was fourtimes interrupted by rain which was no surprise given what had happened earlier in the week. This match should have been

played on Wednesday. But rain the two scheduled reserve days that

With both sides down to play one-day league matches on the Saturday, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) took the unprecedented step of allowing this additional reserve day in a bid to prevent this key fixture being decided by a bowl-out.

Yorkshire will face defending champions Somerset in the final of the Trophy, England's senior oneday competition, at Lord's on Saturday, August 31.

### Venus' hattrick

AFP, San Diego

secutive WTA San Diego Classic title here Sunday, overpowering Yugoslavia's Jelena Dokic 6-2, 6-2 in the final of the 750,000-dollar hardcourt event.

sister Serena in the Wimbledon final.

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	79	(34.2 overs)	India v Pakistan	Sialkot	1978/7		
	81	(48 overs)	Pakistan v West Indies	Sydney	1992/9		
	85	(47 overs)	Pakistan v England	Manchester	197		
	86	(32.4 overs)	England v Australia	Manchester	200		
	86	(37.2 overs)	Sri Lanka v West Indies		Manches		
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	87*	(34.2 overs)	Bangladesh v Pakistan	Dhaka	1999/00		
	87	(32.5 overs)	Pakistan v India	Sharjah	1984/8		
	87	(29.3 overs)	West Indies v Australia	Sydney	1992/93		
	89	(37.2 overs)	England v New Zealand	Wellington (WTS)	2001/02		
	90	(37.1 overs)	Kenya v India	Bloemfontein	2001/0		
	91	(35.4 overs)	Australia v West Indies	Perth	1986/87		
	91	(35.5 overs)	Sri Lanka v Australia	Adelaide	1984/8		
	91	(31.5 overs)	West Indies v Zimbabwe	Sydney	2000/0		
	92	(32.3 overs)	Bangladesh v Zimbabwe	Nairobi (AK)	1997/98		
	93	(36.2 overs)	England v Australia	Leeds	197		
	93	(35.2 overs)	West Indies v Kenya	Poona	1995/96		
	94	(35.3 overs)	Bangladesh v Pakistan	Moratuwa	1985/8		
	94	(52.3 overs)	East Africa v England	Birmingham	197		
	94	(31.7 overs)	England v Australia	Melbourne	1978/7		
	94	(25.2 overs)	New Zealand v Australia	Christchurch	1989/90		
	94	(31.4 overs)	Zimbabwe v Pakistan	Sharjah	1996/9		
	96	(41 overs)	Sri Lanka v India	Sharjah	1983/84		
	98	(34 overs)	Sri Lanka v South Africa	Colombo (RPS)	1993/94		
	98	(39 overs)	Sri Lanka v India	Sharjah	1998/99		
	99	(33.3 overs)	Sri Lanka v England	Perth	1998/99		
	99*	(36.3 overs)	Zimbabwe v West Indies	Hyderabad (Decc	) 1993/94		
* denotes innings where batsman absent or retired							
	Source: CricInfo						



Australian star swimmer lan Thorpe in action during the men's 4x100m medley final at the Manchester Aquatic

# Thorpe-powered

Manchester.

AFP, Manchester

lan Thorpe pocketed a recordequalling sixth gold medal in the men's medley relay here Sunday as Australian swimmers closed out the Commonwealth Games with a

Australia won six of seven golds on offer on the night, with the men's relay providing the grand finale.

Australia led every leg, the team of Matt Welsh, Jim Piper, Geoff Huegill and Thorpe -- all individual gold medallists -- winning in 3min England's Adam Ruckwood,

Adam Whitehead, James Hickman and Matthew Kidd were second in 3:38.37, while Canada's Riley Janes, Morgan Knabe, Mike Mintenko and Brent Hayden took the bronze in 3:38.91 With his sixth gold, the 19-year-

old Thorpe matched the highest total for a swimmer at one Games, a mark shared by fellow Aussie Susie O'Neill and Canadian Graham Smith With his four golds from Kuala Lumpur in 1998 he matched the

record career total of O'Neill, and surpassed that of compatriot Michael Wenden, whose nine gathered between 1966 and 1974 had been the most by a man across any sport. "It's been a fantastic Games, not only for Australia but for all teams,

said Thorpe, who was whisked away to the closing ceremony shortly after receiving his medal. "I'm just pleased to have been

art it and to have had the opportunity to be part of it."

Australia finished with 48 swimming medals -- 27 gold, 13 silver

Guillermo Canas became the first

player for Argentina to win a

Canadian ATP title since 1976,

defeating American Andy Roddick

6-4, 7-5 in the final of the ATP

Masters Series hardcourt event

tendinitis which occasionally

required the use of pain pills, spent

76 minutes in collecting the biggest

victory of his career, slowing the

pace on the hardcourts to win the

so happy," Canas said after donning

a peaked cap from Canada's Royal

Mounted Police during the awards

Canas finished with a flourish,

firing over three aces in a row to

"This is like a dream for me. I feel

392,000-dollar top prize.

Canas, suffering with wrist

and eight bronze. Only South Africa's Roland Schoeman spoiled their victory

celebrations on Sunday, with his triumph in the 50m freestyle. Schoeman won in 22.33sec

outside his Commonwealth record of 22.04 but enough to beat Australia's Brett Hawke by just onehundredth of a second. England's Mark Foster was third in 22.47. "That was spectacular,"

Schoeman said. "Being able to get up and compete against Brett and Mark and race them to the end. It's amazing. We all know each other really well. To race against friends is something special.

"I knew it would come down to a touch in the end," said Hawke, who led after the heats and semi-finals.

"I would have liked gold, but it wasn't meant to be. I was a bit panicky at the start, because my suit broke and I had to rush out and change it. This made me feel a little rushed in the first 25 metres." Foster had been hoping to

Commonwealth history to win the same event at three consecutive "I was awful. I felt really awful," a disappointed Foster said of his

performance.

become just the third swimmer in

Petria Thomas, who had already achieved the three-straight feat in the 100m butterfly earlier in the week, was never headed in winning the 200m flv in 2:08.40.

Thomas completed the 50m, 100m and 200m fly treble, then turned around and earned a second relay gold in the 4x100m med-

"That's my fifth gold medal of the Games, and my body thinks it's hard," said Thomas, who also had a relay silver and bronze in the 200m free. "But it's a great way to finish

Georgie Lee was second in the 200m fly in 2:10.73 ahead of England teammate Margaretha Pedder (2:11.60).

In the women's relay, Sarah Price put England ahead on the

"I played very concentrated and

Canas was the first Argentine

Canas, 24. said that his strategy

kept my confidence. It was the best

winner in Canada since to win here

since Guillermo Vilas. who took his

second title in 1976 when the event

of slowing things down against the

big-hitting American paid winning

dividends. The Argentine took a

break per set, striking 20 winners

title and second this season after

beginning the year with a victory at

this year to defeat four top-10 play-

ers at the same event, Canas

ousted No. 2 Marat Safin, No. 5

Yevgeny Kafelnikov and No. 10

with Federer, continued with

Russians Kafelnikov and Safin and

included Germany's Tommy Haas

The Canas victim's list began

Canas captured his third career

and only six unforced errors

opening backstroke leg, but Sarah Poewe had South Africa in the lead after the breaststroke.

Australia and South Africa were even after the butterfly legs of Thomas and Mandy Loots, but 100m freestyle gold medallist Jodie Henry brought the race home for Australia in 4:03.70. South Africa were second in 4:05.06 and England third in 4:05.65.

"I'm so glad to come up with the goods." Henry said.

World record-holder Grant Hackett finally collected his first individual gold, in the 1500m freestyle, after two relay golds and two runner-up finishes to Thorpe. Hackett, the world and Olympic

champion, clocked 14:54.29, well outside his world mark of 14:34.56. "I wanted to go 14:55, and once I built up my lead I just wanted to

hold onto it from there," he said. "If

you can win a race by 12 or 13 seconds, you have got to be happy." Smith and Stevens were neck and neck behind him much of the way before the Scot took control in

the closing stages, finishing in 15:07.19 to Stevens' 15:09.24. Jim Piper and Jennifer Reilly added to Australia's stack of gold in the men's 200m breaststroke and

women's 400m individual medley. Piper bounced back from a disappointing 100m breaststroke

result to win the 200m in 2:13.10. He went out strong then came under attack from Olympic silver medallist Terence Parkin of South Africa, who finished second in 2:13.34. Canadian Michael Brown

was third in 2:13.82. Reilly, 19, won the 400m medley in 4:43.59, following up her secondplaced finish in the 200m individua medley. New Zealand's Elizabeth van Welie, who swam the demanding 200m butterfly just half an hour earlier, earned the silver in 4:44.56 and Australian Jessica Abbott was third in 4:47.11.

# Canas tames Roddick

match of the week for me.

was played on clay.

Chennai.

Roger Federer.



AFP, Toronto

here Sunday.

Venus Williams won her third con-

The 55-minute romp brough second-ranked Williams her sixth title of the year and second in as many weeks. She won 125,000 dollars and ran her win streak to nine matches since a loss to top-ranked

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	Sharjah	1984/85
	Sydney	1992/93
	Wellington (WTS)	2001/02
	Bloemfontein	2001/02
	Perth	1986/87
	Adelaide	1984/85
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	Leeds	1975
	Poona	1995/96
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	Birmingham	1975
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# reach treble match point. He took the victory when Roddick volleyed

ceremony



Argentine Guillermo Canas kisses the trophy after defeating American Andy Roddick in the Tennis Masters Series final in Toronto on August 4.

The only unseeded player he faced this week was Thai qualifier Paradorn Srichapan in the opening round. Canas was the third unseeded

player in as many years to play in

the final at this event, following Israel's Harel Levy and Romania's Andrei Pavel The American's nine aces counted for little in the grand scheme as Canas made up for a

finals loss he suffered a fortnight

ago on clay in Stuttgart, losing to Russian Mikhail Youzhny. "I'm disappointed," said Roddick, who will rise to a Top 10 The only player on the ATP Tour entry system standing for the first time in his career. "I'm 5-2 in career finals now, but as long as I give

> the final, that's good. "I'm not pleased, but I think I've started my summer off well."

myself a chance to win by getting to

Roddick complained that a carnival celebration outside his downtown hotel until the week hours made his night before a bit of

### Hashim makes Malaysia proud

AFP, Manchester Muhammad Hafiz Hashim turned the

is such a thing as a second chance in the final of the men's singles at the Commonwealth Games on Sunday. Hashim, ranked third of his country's three contenders and unknown

Malaysian badminton rankings

upside down as he showed that there

in Britain before this tournament followed up his victory over top seed Wong Choong Hann in the semifinals by beating number two man Lee Tseun Seng 7-3, 7-1, 3-7, 7-8, 7-4 to claim the gold medal

Pakistan, stung by the 7-1 defeat

the gold medal later in the day.

penalty corners fetched him three goals in the first half and two in the second to take his tally in the tournament to nine.

the post and fell out. Pakistan scored twice in as many minutes to take a 2-0 lead by the first quarter, before South Africa

South Africa were reduced to

Abbas struck twice and

What was expected to be a keen

stoked," a delighted Dwyer said

better.

address. There were definite times

BANGLADESH-SL SCOREBOARI

Did not bat: A de Silva, H Fernando, U Chandana, C Vaas, M Muralitharan

Slater said.

"With the events of last year you find yourself at the crossroads,

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**CRYPTOQUIP** 

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: COULD IT BE TRUE THAT ALL SHOE STORE EMPLOYEES ARE INITIALLY TRAINED AT BOOT CAMP?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals K

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

another, if you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the

give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error

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CVOJ

season ahead.

"I'm not scared about leaving the game, but at 32 I know I can regain

done so, Australia have won 44 Tests and lost only 17.

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Mamun, Rajani, Sujon, Abdullah, Prodip (Papel), Arman (Asif), Motiur Munna, Alfaz (Rakib), Moni