

## Osterloh shocks Bartoli

AFP, Stanford

Wimbledon finalist Marion Bartoli of France crashed out of the 600,000-dollar WTA hardcourt tournament here Wednesday, falling in three sets to Lilia Osterloh.

The unheralded American downed the second-seeded French woman 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 in the second-round clash.

Osterloh, ranked 106th in the world, received a wildcard invitation into the draw. She had beaten fellow American Jill Craybas in the first round while Bartoli, as one of the top four seeds, enjoyed a bye and was playing for the first time since she fell to Venus Williams in the Wimbledon final.

The defeat, in 2hr 23min, meant that world No. 11 Bartoli failed to build on her success at the All-England Club, and saw Osterloh even her head-to-head record with the French player at 1-1.

Osterloh booked a quarterfinal meeting with eighth-seeded Austrian Sybille Bammer, who ousted American Meilen Tu 6-4, 6-2.

Bammer, 27, broke Tu three times en route to the victory.

Third-seeded Daniela Hantuchova and No. 7 Katarina Srebotnik both advanced to the quarterfinals.

The remaining quarterfinal berths will be on offer on Thursday.

Top-seeded Anna Chakvetadze of Russia, seeking to build on last week's singles' title in Cincinnati, will face Eleni Daniilidou of Greece.

Fourth-seeded Patty Schnyder of Switzerland will play Yaroslava Shvedova of Russia.

Schnyder reached the finals here last year but lost to Kim Clijsters of Belgium, who retired from the tour in May.

Tatiana Golovin of France, the sixth seed and a semifinalist here last year, meets Sania Mirza of India on Thursday, while No. 5 Shahar Peer of Israel will face Olga Govortsova of Belarus.

## Moeen urges

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Describing sports as part of education, General Moeen said, "One can become a good student by only studying, but he must take part in sports and cultural activities to become a real human being."

He noted that sportsmen represent the country abroad by carrying the national flag. "So, we have to stress on improving quality of our sports arena," he said.

## Italian Cup

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alongside the six survivors of the previous two rounds.

The eight winning teams in the third round will then be joined by the top eight seeds, including holders and Serie A champions Inter Milan, for the round of 16 when ties will revert back to two legs all the way to the final.

However, the final will be a single match and is expected to be played at Rome's Olympic stadium.

The Italian Cup is lightly regarded by Italy's top clubs and attendances tend to be very low until the competition reaches the latter stages.

## Buffon wants

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years and I hope to still be there in 2018."

Buffon won a special place in Juventus' hearts when he decided to remain a Bianconero despite the side's demotion to Serie B and he took time to explain the reasons for his choice.

"I stayed in Turin because the directors and the fans showed me how important I was in the reconstruction of the squad. Most of all, I believed in the objectives that were set," he declared.

## Khulna Abahani

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backpass," rued Manik.

Khulna Abahani, who end their campaign in Dhaka against Rahmatganj, will be braced for a great battle as both the teams would be eager to avoid a bottom-table finish.

Both Khulna Abahani and Rahmatganj are on 13 points but the port city side have an edge by virtue of a better goal difference.

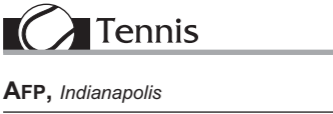
Meanwhile, the B. League authority has decided to kick off the remaining matches at 4.15 pm.

**TEAMS**  
**KHULNA ABAHANI:** Iran, Hadiuzzaman, Ashraf, Shahin, Nafiz, Khalid (Imrose), Moshul, Tajul, Prashanta, Mamun (Tariqul) and Pikul (Ashiqu).  
**MOHAMMEDAN:** Himel, Arif, Odafe, Bipal (Mithu), Zahid, Kamal, Sharif (Belal), Divine, Paul (Rony), Ermeke and Farhad.  
**Referee:** Abdul Hannan.



Andy Roddick of the US goes for a return against Russia's Evgeny Korolev during their match of Indianapolis ATP tournament at the Indianapolis Tennis Centre on Wednesday.

# Roddick advances at Indianapolis



AFP, Indianapolis

Andy Roddick advanced to the quarterfinals of the Indianapolis tennis championships on Wednesday while boyhood friend Mardy Fish bowed out after one set with a knee injury.

Top seed Roddick, bidding to lift a third title in five editions at the US Open tune-up, rolled over Russian Evgeny Korolev 6-3, 6-2.

"I hit the ball cleanly," said Roddick, ranked fifth in the world. "My serve was off, but I had a rock-solid return game.

"My serve will come around. I'll take good matches when I can get them and this was a good match," he said.

It was hard luck for the injured Fish, suffering badly in recent days with tendinitis in both knees.

After calling for the trainer after losing the opening set, he packed it in one point into the second. Russian Igor Kunitsyn took the

quick victory, taking the first set 6-4 over the fourth seed.

"It just happened after the first serve of the second set. I couldn't put pressure on my leg," said Fish, who is due to have a scan on Thursday.

"It's a little frustrating because I have worked really hard. I haven't had any really great results the last few months and I was trying to turn it around.

"I feel like I've been playing well."

Kunitsyn will play on Friday in a quarterfinal against the 109th-ranked Frank Dancevic.

The Canadian worked a comeback miracle, fighting past Argentina's Juan del Potro 3-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 to reach his first ATP quarterfinal.

Dancevic had never before strung together two wins in a row at the ATP level.

"I'm so excited to be in my first quarter-final," Dancevic said. "I don't know how I won. He served and returned well the whole match."

Dancevic became the first man from his hockey-loving homeland

to reach the last eight in an ATP tournament since Sebastian Lareau in 2001 at Memphis.

South Korean sixth seed Lee Hyung-taik also advanced with a second-round triumph, eliminating American Paul Goldstein 6-3, 6-3.

Lee will next face Roddick, who has won eight of their nine meetings.

Dancevic drove more than 800 kilometres from his home in Niagara Falls to reach the event on short notice after receiving a late entry.

Dancevic fired 17 aces in a two-hour, 10-minute victory over Del Potro, an 18-year-old South American ranked 56th. Del Potro saved two match points in the ninth game of the final set before Dancevic won an ace in the next game.

"I was the last guy into the tournament field and I was behind this whole match," said Dancevic. "I was even down 5-2 in the second-set tiebreaker, but I kept hanging in and he gave me a small opening.

"I just tried to stick it to him. I tried to take my opportunities."

their bicycles to get around their protesting colleagues, who eventually raced. But the message was sent. The demonstration caused a 13-minute delay.

Jean-Francois Lamour, vice president of the World Anti-Doping Agency, suggested on Wednesday that the sport should be withdrawn from the Olympics. German public broadcasters have stopped airing the race, and one of Switzerland's biggest newspapers stopped writing about it. The daily Tages Anzeiger said on its Web site on Wednesday it will limit its coverage to results and doping stories.

Associated Press Writers Jamey Keaten and Jean-Luc Courthial in Gourette, France, John Leicester in Paris contributed to this report.

## Hitzfeld not

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"Sandro played well and made a lot of progress in the Stuttgart match, he held the ball up well and put in a good performance" said Hitzfeld, although Wagner faces stiff competition from Bayern's four international strikers competing for one of the two places up front.

But after Bayern endured their worst season for a decade by finishing fourth and missing out on a Champions League place, Hitzfeld is pleased with the chemistry in his squad.

"There is a good feeling in the squad," he said.

"It all depends on the type of players you have, but performers like Franck Ribery, (Brazilian forward) Ze Roberto and Bastian Schweinsteiger have real substance and I am looking forward to seeing combinations develop."

## Five kept out of T20 WC

AFP, Karachi

The international Cricket Council Thursday announced the umpires and match referees for the inaugural Twenty20 world championships, excluding five involved in April's shamolic World Cup final.

"A total of three ICC match referees and nine umpires will officiate during the 27-match Twenty20 World Cup, which is scheduled to take place from 11-24 September in South Africa," an ICC press release said.

The three referees, all from the ICC Elite Panel, are headed by former Sri Lanka captain Ranjan Madugalle and include Mike Procter, the former South Africa all-rounder and ex-England opening batsman Chris Broad.

The nine umpires include five officials from the ICC Elite Panel, namely Australians Daryl Harper and Simon Taufel, England's Mark Benson, Billy Doctrove of the West Indies, and Asad Rauf from Pakistan.

The four other umpires, who are from the ICC International Panel, are Steve Davis of Australia, South African Ian Howell, England's Nigel Long and Tony Hill from New Zealand.

The match appointments for the opening stage of the tournament will be made and announced in due course, said the release.

The ICC however said that it had left out all five officials who were responsible for the bungled end to the World Cup final in the West Indies earlier this year.

It announced the decision to omit them last month.

Australia's victory against Sri Lanka in the showpiece match in Barbados on April 28 was overshadowed by a farcical climax brought about by a failure to apply a standard playing condition.

Referee Jeff Crowe, on-field umpires Steve Bucknor and Aleem Dar, third umpire Rudi Koertzen and reserve official Billy Bowden incorrectly ruled, after a stoppage for bad light, the game had to continue even though the required minimum of 20 overs in the second innings had by then already been bowled.

The officials insisted Sri Lanka bat out the final three overs of the game in near darkness.

All 10 Test playing countries, along with associate teams Kenya and Scotland, will compete in the Twenty20 event. Matches will be held at Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg, the ICC said.

## England wary

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And if one of India's batting stars comes off at Trent Bridge, England could yet rue their failure to take just one more wicket at Lord's.

### TEAMS

**England (from):** Andrew Strauss, Alastair Cook, Michael Vaughan (capt), Kevin Pietersen, Paul Collingwood, Ian Bell, Matt Prior (wk), Chris Tremlett, Ryan Sidebottom, Monty Panesar, James Anderson, Stuart Broad.

**India (from):** Wasim Jaffer, Dinesh Karthik, Rahul Dravid (capt), Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, VVS Laxman, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (wk), Anil Kumble, Zaheer Khan, Rudra Pratap Singh, Shanthakumaran Sreesanth, Yuvraj Singh.

**Umpires:** Simon Taufel (Aus), Ian Howell (SA).

## Montoya set

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"It's going to be funny and weird," Montoya said. "I ran at Indy once, for the 500, and haven't been on the oval since. It should be a big challenge.

"I didn't find the road course that challenging but I think the oval is very different from anything else we do with four corners. The first time I ever did a track with four proper corners was there.

"A lot of important things in my career have happened at Indy."

It will be much tougher for any other driver to duplicate Montoya's Indy treble after Indy speedway owner Tony George parted ways with F1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone over money issues earlier this month, ending the US F1 Indy era.

Montoya won seven F1 races but left the circuit last year for the full-bodied, chassis-banging world of NASCAR racing that excites American crowds.

Montoya won his first NASCAR race last month in a California road course event where he started 32nd to join Mario Andretti and Dan Gurney as the only racers to win Indy-car, F1 and NASCAR races.

## Cassano

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pressure on him to rescind his contract by mutual consent. Cassano is currently contracted until 2012 and Real Madrid would have to pay 8.5m pounds if they were to cancel the deal unilaterally.

The player's entourage denies that there is any truth in the reports from AS, but the ex-Roma man remains up for sale in Madrid, despite the lack of offers for his services.

AS claims that Real Madrid turned down an offer from Turkish side Fenerbahce last week, while the Italian Press insists he could join Fiorentina, who seem to be Cassano's only chance of a Serie A return.

# Jaques's wet exploits



INTERNET, undated

Phil Jaques had hoped to spend the off-season honing his skills in England, preparing for a tilt at Justin Langer's recently vacated Test post next summer. Instead, the Blues opener has found himself caught in the midst of the worst floods to hit Britain in more than 60 years, severely restricting his time in the middle and, on at least one occasion, forcing him to come to the rescue of a troubled team-mates.

Jaques's county club, Worcestershire, is effectively a nomadic team at the moment; its home ground, New Road, completely submerged by floodwaters from the nearby River Severn. Most players lost their equipment in the floods, forcing them to play recent first-class fixtures with borrowed equipment.

"I guess I was one of the lucky ones, because when I saw how fast the waters were rising the day before the floods hit, I got my gear

out of there," Jaques said. "(Worcestershire and NSW team-mate) Doug Bollinger lost everything except for one shoe.

"We went back to the ground to have a look at it, and cars in the car park were completely submerged and pads and gloves and bats were floating across the ground. We had to enter the dressing rooms through the roof, and we fed the swans from the second deck of the pavilion. I've never seen anything like it."

Jaques and his teammates have played just 50 overs of cricket during the past five weeks, as torrential rain hit large parts of Britain. The majority of training sessions have been cancelled, too, and Worcestershire are now negotiating with other counties for use of their grounds over the final stages of the domestic season.

The city of Worcester, though, has been relatively lucky compared with nearby Gloucester and Tewksbury, the town used by the Australians as a temporary base during the 2005 Ashes campaign. One man has died and more than 300,000 people have been left

without drinking water since rivers broke their banks on the weekend. The emergency has prompted the largest peacetime effort launched by the military.

"When you see what's going on elsewhere, our problems are pretty trivial," Jaques said. "I got a call from (England all-rounder) Gareth Batty the other night, asking if he could stay at my place because the road to his house has been cut off.

"It's been a bit like club cricket, with a lot of people swapping and borrowing gear. It probably hasn't been an ideal season over here, but at least I'll be fresh when I get home."

Last week, Jaques was named in the Australia A side to tour Pakistan. There, he will launch his bid to replace Langer for this summer's Test series, competing against Chris Rogers, Shane Watson and Brad Hodge.

"I'm not surprised so many people have put their hand up for the spot," he said. "I can only hope that the selectors look at what I've done when given a chance at international level in the past and back me to do the job."

# Tremlett grateful to Warne



AFP, Nottingham

Chris Tremlett said the experience of playing alongside Australia duo Shane Warne and Stuart Clark had played a major role in his elevation to the England Test side.

The 25-year-old Hampshire bowler, a late call up, impressed on debut while taking four for 104 in the drawn first Test against India at Lord's completed on Monday where the tourists hung on with just one wicket standing before bad light and rain ended the match.

Tremlett, who replaced the injured Matthew Hoggard, is now looking to build on that performance when the second Test gets underway at Trent Bridge on Friday and rid himself of a reputation for being a gentle giant.

But he insisted aggression need not be synonymous with verbally abusing opposing batsmen and cited Australia quick Clark, a teammate of his at Hampshire, as an example of a bowler who took wickets without having to resort to excessive 'sledge-

ing'.

Tremlett said: "You learn things the more you play the game and pick up things from other cricketers. Stuart Clark is a similar character to me off the field, a kind guy, but when he steps on the pitch he has got that mean streak about him.

"It is something I've tried to work on. It is not something that comes naturally to me, to be aggressive and swear at people and I don't think it is something I will do, be extra aggressive and swear at the batsman because that is not my character," he added.

For Tremlett, aggression means "that pumped up feeling to do well and take wickets; you have that mindset that you don't really like the batsman."

"I've got the attributes, I'm 6ft 7in tall, and it's a question of using those things a little bit better than I have done in the past."

Tremlett, whose career has been hampered by hamstring and back problems, played the last of his 14 one-day internationals in January against New Zealand in Perth where he conceded an expensive 72 runs in

his 10 overs.

"It was one of those games where I let myself down a bit. I've had time to reflect, go away and work hard and hopefully I can continue bowling well which I have done this season."

However, Tremlett said being told a few home truths by legendary leg-spinner Warne, his county captain, had helped toughen him up.

"I've been working with Warne for the last three years and I've learnt a lot from him. He said take a look at yourself and where you want to go from here. My goal was to get back in the England side and prove I'm a good bowler and a good cricketer."

Tremlett came close to facing Warne during England's 2005 Ashes series triumph after being the standby bowler for the first four Tests -- when fellow quick Simon Jones was injured for the series finale at The Oval the selectors opted to go for an extra batsman in Paul Collingwood.

# CSA gets players on board

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optimal use of South Africa's player resources through regulations relating to player transfers, player loan-outs and playing overseas in the off-season," Norman Arendse, the president of CSA, announced at a press conference in Johannesburg.

Arendse said that the primary objectives included dealing with annual revenue fluctuations and stating how fundamental player issues would be dealt with. "The model enables longer term financial forecasting and planning for the provision of funds to amateur cricket for the development of the game," he said.

Tony Irish, the chief executive of

the SACA, added that the initiative for the MoU came from the SACA and the players themselves. "We had a good look at what we believed was best practice relating to professional cricketers around the world (and) presented this to CSA and since then we have shared a common vision, which has resulted in the MoU."

According to Irish, the MoU projects and averages South African cricket's revenues over a four-year period and links what the players will earn to the financial position of the game. "For players this really means stake-holding in the game, like being a shareholder in a company," said Irish. "What players will receive in the future will

depend on how successful the game actually is, and as players we will obviously work with the other stakeholders to make it as healthy as possible into the future."

Ashwell Prince, the South African batsman and president of the SACA, said that cricket's number one stakeholder was the paying public and that the players were aware that more would be expected of them in the future. "They (the public) are our supporters and are the ones who will ultimately determine the game's success," said Prince. "The way we play our cricket and how we contribute to the game both on and off the field in the eyes of the public will be the key."

# Iraq seek a fairytale ending

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But the big Brazilian said the fighting 3-2 semi-final win over Japan on Wednesday was the perfect riposte to the cynics.

"One thing that I have heard throughout this tournament is that we have been lucky," he said.

"Luck might happen in one game but not in every game and we have answered the people that have said we have been lucky."

The victory went down well in Saudi Arabia with people pouring onto the streets waving flags and dancing, with long convoys of cars

winding through Riyadh and Jeddah, fans honking horns, singing and yelling.

Dos Angos paid tribute not just to his players, but also to the back-room staff he brought with him from Brazil for ensuring the team was in peak condition.

"We told the (Saudi Arabian) federation that I would bring the best fitness and medical staff from Gremio club in Brazil," he said.

"And even though we had less time to prepare for this match and trouble travelling from Jakarta this victory (over Japan) was the fruit of

their labour."

The 49-year-old, who took over from compatriot Marcos Paqueta in March, must now prime his side for their final encounter in Jakarta on Sunday with Iraq, managed by another Brazilian in Jorvan Vieira.

"It has been a victory for Arabian football, especially for Iraq because everyone knows what is happening there," he said of the unexpected all-Arab final.

"These victories will bring happiness to the people of Iraq and of Saudi Arabia."

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