

## Sabbir treble inspires Rajshahi

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Buoyed by Sabbir Rana's hattrick, Rajshahi thrashed Mymensingh 7-0 in the super league of the Araf Apparels 21st National Youth Hockey Championship at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Rajshahi led 1-0 at the break but the floodgate opened after the breather with Rana, Kumar and Shuvo scoring two goals each beside Sabbir's three.

Faridpur defeated Munshiganj 3-1 in the other match with goals from Plabon, Saiful and Monir.

## Matuail going great guns

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Matuail Udayan Sangsad maintained their winning run in the Third Division Football super league when they romped to their third consecutive win yesterday.

Bakul slotted the match winner after 25 minutes as Matuail edged Tongi Krira Chakra by a solitary goal at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

In the day's other super league tie, Russell's brace either side of the break helped Lalbagh SC win 2-1 against Spandan KC, who had equalized through Sadi.

It was Lalbagh's second victory.

## 'India lucky to have Dhoni'

PTI, Jaipur

Greg Chappell is happy with the way the Indian cricket team, with which he had a tumultuous two-year stint, is shaping up and believes the side had unearthed an able leader in Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

The former India coach, who made an unceremonious exit following India's World Cup debacle in the West Indies, was here in his new role as consultant for the Future Cricket Academy of the Rajasthan Cricket Association.

"I had foreseen a great future for Dhoni. He has proved his potential and as a leader he has been most impressive. The Indians are lucky to have a leader like him," he said of Dhoni who lead India to the ICC World Twenty20 Championship triumph in South Africa.

Chappell also took the opportunity to state that as India's coach, he had done his best and it was for others to judge him.

"The Indian team is now doing well. When I was there as the coach, whatever I did stood them in good stead. It is up to others to judge. Indian cricket is lucky that they can choose from," he said.

Chappell was cautious in his remarks and ducked questions on other issues, fearing it may lead to controversy. He also refused to comment on the Indian team currently playing without a permanent coach, a post lying vacant since the Australian left.

## FA move

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All players and club officials will be forced to sign a 'memorandum of understanding' noting the standards of behaviour that will be expected.

"These things are done better through discussion rather than a big stick but we want to stop the situation getting out of hand," said Barwick.

"There is a lot of emotion and passion in the game but you only have to look at a sport like rugby to see there seems to be a certain level of respect for the officials."

Barwick's stance has been backed by England coach Steve McLaren, who was once forced to resign as president of a local club because of the behaviour of parents.

## L'pool lacking

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from the start, is to prove that I'm good enough to try to do the things I was lucky enough to do on Saturday."

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California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger waves to the crowd as he marches with the US team during the opening ceremony of the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai on Tuesday.

## Terminator opens Special Olympics

AFP, Shanghai

Arnold Schwarzenegger and Yao Ming helped kick off the Special Olympics World Summer Games here on Tuesday for a record 7,300 mentally disabled athletes.

The Californian governor and the Houston Rockets basketball star were among the stars from the worlds of sport, politics and the arts at the opening ceremony at the Shanghai Stadium presided over by Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Schwarzenegger, whose wife is the daughter of the Special Olympics founder and the sister of its current chairman, spoke of his

"pride" at attending China's first-ever staging of a major sports event for people with mental disabilities.

"I used to play in action movies as the action hero, but that was actually nothing that can be compared with the real action that is taking place in this stadium," said the Terminator star.

Earlier, Hu told the event's chairman Timothy Shriver holding it in China, which has 9.8 million disabled people, would contribute to the development of the international Special Olympics cause.

"China hopes the Games would help the world better understand China, and strengthen the friend-

ship between people of China and the rest of the world," he said, according to the official Xinhua news agency.

Several well-known musicians lent their talents to make the event a success, state media reported.

Tai Dun, the Oscar-winning composer for the kung fu movie *Couching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, had composed a new piece for the opening ceremony, according to the China Daily.

The event's theme song, meanwhile, was composed by American musician Quincy Jones, a multiple Grammy winner.

## Australia go one up

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Hayden initially relied on singles and twos, but Symonds went for big shots soon after arriving at the crease to considerably ease the pressure.

Symonds smashed Pathan for three fours in an over and then hoisted off-spinners Harbhajan Singh and Ramesh Powar for sixes before racing to his half-century.

Hayden reached his half-century in style, swinging Harbhajan over mid-wicket for his first six. He then hit part-time bowler Tendulkar and Powar for two more sixes.

India appeared to have regained the initiative after Clarke's dismissal, but Haddin, Symonds and Hayden counter-attacked vigorously.

It was a smart leg-side stumping by Dhoni that led to the dismissal of Clarke, who had made a century in the previous match.

Square-leg umpire Suresh Shastri consulted the third umpire at the last moment after initially ruling the batsman out, with Clarke waiting at the boundary before walking back to the dressing-room.

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between India and Australia on Tuesday:

**AUSTRALIA**  
Gilchrist c Tendulkar b Zaheer 0  
Hayden b Pathan 75  
Hodge c Dhoni b Sreesanth 3  
Clarke st Dhoni b Pathan 27  
Smonds c & b Sreesanth 87  
Haddin not out 87  
Hopes c Dravid b Sreesanth 4  
Lee not out 2  
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-15) 21

**Man-of-the-match:** Brad Haddin. **Toss:** India. **Umpires:** Steve Bucknor (WIS), Suresh Shastri (IND). **Third Umpire:** G. Pratapkumar (IND). **Match Referee:** Chris Broad (ENG). **Third one-dayer:** At Hyderabad on Friday

## Spurs save

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It may have been a memorable fight back but it was nevertheless a night that Tottenham's England goalkeeper Paul Robinson will want to quickly forget.

From the outset, it appeared that Villa had decided to test his confidence on crosses and that approach soon paid off.

Two minutes after Berbatov had given Spurs the lead that their early efforts merited, Robinson dropped a corner and Martin Laursen gratefully fired home.

The Danish defender did not know too much about his second goal which came after another flap by Robinson allowed Zat Knight to get on the end of a Gareth Barry cross, the ball finding its way into the far corner of the net.

There was nothing the hapless England goalkeeper could do about Gabriel Agbonlahor's 40th-minute strike. After taking the ball off Michael Dawson, the youngster wriggled his way into the box and produced a cool, low finish into the one-day format.

Gardner's strike appeared to sneak through the edge of the wall and Robinson was unable to keep it out despite getting a hand to the ball close to his right-hand post.

Chimbonda kick-started the fight back by following up smartly after Jermaine Defoe connected with a cross from Gareth Bale with a shot that hit the post.

Villa had introduced Marlon Harewood in the hope he would provide an outlet from the relentless pressure from Spurs.

## 200 up

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Kaneria, who made his debut against England at Faisalabad in 2000, dismissed Marcus Trescothick for his first wicket. His 100th Test victim was Warne in a Test at Sydney in 2004.

Wasim Akram (414) heads the list for Pakistan, followed by Waqar Younis (373), Imran Khan (362), Abdul Qadir (236) and Saqlain Mushtaq (208).

## Mask

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troublesome thigh problem.

English explained: "Michael's doing quite well. It was a tear on the outside of a muscle so his recovery will be quicker than Shaun's. Shaun has got a few more days before his fit and ready to go."

He added: "Frank is doing well. He is now four-and-a-half weeks on from injuring the main kicking muscle in the thigh."

"He is back out doing running and jumping, twisting and turning - everything except long kicking - so he's not far off."

"But we have to be cautious because we don't want to cause yet another injury to a muscle that has more or less healed."

The return-leg is scheduled for October 28 in Dushanbe.

## Celtic face Milan test

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gins as Kaka's extra-time goal won 1-0 on aggregate and history suggests another tight encounter on Wednesday.

The teams have fought out goalless draws in their last two meetings in Glasgow.

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## Haddin moves up

### Cricket

CRICKET, undated

Brad Haddin was superfluous in Australia's World Cup domination this year as only 13 men were needed to retain the title. Although he didn't play a game in the Caribbean, his two-month tropical holiday showed him that opportunities to break into a champion side cannot be wasted. His unbeaten 87 in Kochi, on the back of a 69 in Bangalore on Saturday, proved he should not be pigeonholed as the squad's back-up wicketkeeper.

Haddin is used to being thrown the gloves on the rare occasions Adam Gilchrist is injured or rested. Before this tour that had meant a smattering of 21 ODIs in seven seasons. He still considers himself a wicketkeeper who can bat a bit, although that's what most people thought of Gilchrist when he made his international entrance.

Those who have watched Haddin demolish state attacks with New South Wales were familiar with the slogs to cow corner and confident drives in his 69-ball innings at Kochi. His instincts are in sync with Australia's attacking game-plan and when he joined Andrew Symonds in the 32nd over he poked around for two overs before dropping to one knee and smashing Harbhajan Singh over midwicket for six.

Haddin turns 30 this month and has the experience and ability to make the wicket-keeping role his own when Gilchrist retires. In the meantime he can make it difficult for the selectors to drop him when Ricky Ponting returns from a hamstring injury and the pressure moves on to Brad Hodge to hold his spot.

Ponting is not the only one missing from this line-up. Michael Hussey, Nathan Bracken and Shaun Tait will walk straight into the team when they are available, as would Shane Watson if his fitness could be guaranteed. The lengthy list of absences has given Haddin, Hodge, Ponting and from this line-up. Michael Hussey, Nathan Bracken and Shaun Tait will walk straight into the team when they are available, as would Shane Watson if his fitness could be guaranteed. The lengthy list of absences has given Haddin, Hodge, Ponting and from this line-up.

It says much for the series that Bodyline remains the only chapter in cricket's history that film-makers have thought worth dramatising with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation producing a documentary in 2002.

Jardine resigned as England captain before Australia's 1934 Ashes tour and retired from first-class cricket aged 33.

That same year the MCC out-

lawed systematic bowling of fast and short-pitched balls at batsmen standing clear of their wicket.

Bradman, once lauded as 'the greatest living Australian', died in Adelaide on February 25, 2001 aged 92, while Jardine died from lung cancer aged 57, in Montreux, Switzerland, in June 1958.

Mitchell Johnson and James Hopes a chance to impress.

Hodge has missed out in India but played some useful cameos at the ICC World Twenty20. Johnson -- another tourist who was not used in the World Cup -- claimed eight Twenty20 wickets in South Africa and earned new-ball honours at Bangalore and Kochi. On each occasion he made an early breakthrough; last time it was Sachin Tendulkar who to a quick inswinger, this time Gautam Gambhir misjudged a ball that jagged back and clipped the top of off stump.

When India were gaining momentum, Hopes -- who had been a useful 37 at Bangalore -- removed Yuvraj Singh in his first over. Haddin's 87 not out was his highest ODI score and was the perfect follow-up after Matthew Hayden and Andrew Symonds built a healthy platform.

Occasionally Australia's fringe players have been found out -- February's Chappell-Hadlee Trophy springs to mind -- but the depth within the national squad is gradually being explored and developed. Next in line are Adam Voges and Ben Hilfenhaus, who watched from the dressing-room as their teammates secured an 84-run win at Kochi. They might be superfluous on this trip but their day will come and like Haddin, they need to prove a point when it does.

## Five weeks

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Germany's Euro 2008 qualifying games against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin on October 10 and the Czech Republic in Munich on October 17 will help Bayern cope with the loss of their captain.

As well as the UEFA Cup clash, Kahn will miss Bundesliga games against Nuremberg (Oct 7), VfL Bochum (Oct 20) and Borussia Dortmund (Oct 28), as well as the German Cup second-round game against Borussia Moenchengladbach on 31st October.

But there are no concerns at Bayern about the ability of Rensing who has just 14 Bundesliga appearances after six years at Bayern, is relishing his chance.

Larwood later migrated to Australia with his wife Lois, and his four daughters and lived in Sydney until his death in 1995, at the age of 90.

The British coalition government's Dominion Secretary JH Thomas later described Bodyline as the most troublesome affair of his ministerial career.

England's emphatic 4-1 series victory brought both opprobrium and praise for Jardine.

Bodyline curbed Bradman's batting average to 56.57. He scored just one century in his four Tests with a series aggregate of 396 runs. Without the Bodyline series, Bradman would have finished his career with a Test average of 104.76 instead of 99.94.

Larwood, the former Nottinghamshire coalminer, claimed series-high 33 wickets at 19.51, but events of the series soured him. The 28-year-old paceman never played for England again.

Sahaluddin however was a little bit concerned about injuries to Mashrafe, Shakib Al Hasan and Abdur Razzaq.</