



## 'Ashraful close to axe'

### Cricket

CRICINFO, Darwin

**Did U Know?**

Michael Chang is the youngest French Open singles champion. He achieved this feat at the age of 17 years 3 months in 1989.



### Luiz Felipe Scolari

*This is not a problem for me. I have many great players and I am very happy with my team. I am receiving new players from injuries as (Didier) Drogba will be back soon.*

After his club failed to sign Brazilian star Robinho.



### TEN Sports

US Open Tennis  
Women's Singles Final  
Live from 6:00am  
Men's Singles Final  
Live from 11:00pm

## Aussies 'spot on'

### Cricket

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## Sachin to play Irani Trophy

CRICINFO, undated

Sachin Tendulkar has declared himself fit for the coming season and will play the Irani Trophy match between Ranji Trophy champions Delhi and Rest of India starting on September 24 in Baroda.

"I have recovered totally and am feeling fine," said Tendulkar. "I will play in the Irani Trophy match against the Ranji Trophy champions Delhi."

Tendulkar has been troubled by injury this year -- first hurting his groin during the Tests against South Africa and then his left elbow, which ruled him out of the ODIs in Sri Lanka last month.

With no international fixtures ahead of the Test series against Australia, starting October 9, several national players will be available for the season-opening Irani Trophy, a match which will feature probables for the Australia series.

It is expected to be a keen contest, with the Delhi squad including Test regulars Gautam Gambhir, Virender Sehwag and Ishant Sharma, youngsters Virat Kohli

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## Bryan brothers win doubles title

AFP, New York

American brothers Bob and Mike Bryan won their seventh Grand Slam men's doubles crown Friday, defeating India's Leander Paes and Czech Lukas Dlouhy 7-6, 7-6 to take the US Open title.

The Bryans, who ran through the tournament without losing a set, previously won Slam crowns at Roland Garros in 2003, the US Open in 2005, Wimbledon in 2006 and the Australian Open in 2006 and 2007.

The defeat denied Paes a chance at a US Open doubles double, having already claimed the mixed crown with Zimbabwe's Cara Black.

Paes had claimed such doubles in 1999 at Wimbledon and the French Open, partnered with American Lisa Raymond in mixed and compatriot Mahesh Bhupathi in the men's doubles.

The victory enables the Bryans to move back into the world number one ranking from second.

AP, New York

### US OPEN

Her place in the final secure, Serena Williams briskly walked off center court and headed toward the locker room. In a hallway, she was intercepted by three of her fans who wanted a picture.

"Is that allowed?" she said, striking a pose. "Make this really quick."

Want a snapshot of her 6-3, 6-2 win over Dinara Safina in the U.S. Open semifinals Friday? Probably that's all I care about," Jankovic said, "even if it's tomorrow or next day or in a week."

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