India stay atop

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The Junior South Asian Tennis Championship concludes today at the Ramna Tennis Complex with India playing Pakistan and Bangladesh pitted against Sri Lanka in the two matches.

India, who blanked Nepal 3-0 vesterday, have won all their three matches so far to top the table. In the other match of the day,

Pakistan were tied with Sri Lanka 1-1 with the doubles match yet to be finished till filing of this report.

Powerplay interests Dhoni

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Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the Indian captain, has said the new Powerplay rules, where the batting side decides five overs that will be part of the fielding restrictions, will pose interesting challenges to the two sides.

"It means when you plan a few strategies on the ground, suddenly you find the opposition asking about the five overs," Dhoni said.

"You have to be ready for it. It's very tough to say anything right now, how much it will help the side batting first or second.

"We can see a few games and see what is really happening. But they say chasing will be easier if you have a good partnership and you can take it after that. It is really

confusing right now." India come to the series three days after winning the four-Test series against Australia 2-0 and Dhoni said switching from Tests to ODIs in such a short time was a challenge but one that was part of an international cricketer's career.

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Parvez came in for captain Matiur Munna but Bangladesh failed to reduce the arrears. They rather survived two late chances, with inform Aminul parrying opposition efforts in the 68 and 83 minutes.

"We did not play well in the second half as Bangladesh attacked many times. If we play like this, it would be very difficult for us to win against Myanmar," Indonesian coach Benny Dolo said after the

match. "The fixture is very short and matches are very close, which is very difficult for our players," he added.

"Indonesia had seen our match against Myanmar and planned accordingly. But we couldn't see them before today. My players tried their level best to score but finally failed," said Bangladesh coach Manik.

"The fixture is also not in favour of Bangladesh we came to Myanmar after a 12-hour journey and got little time to rest, which made them really tired," told Manik.

Bangladesh team: Aminul, Zahid, Sujan, Rajani, Waly (Mishu 46), Arman Aziz, Sharif, Matiur Munna (Zahed Parvez 81), Emily and Alfaz (Robin 65).



England allrounder Andrew Flintoff engages in a tiff with India bowling coach Venkatesh Prasad (R) during a training session in Rajkot yesterday.

WI hurt by loss

Cricket

AFP, Abu Dhabi

The West Indies need to put the unexpected last over defeat behind them and press hard for victory in the second one-day match against Pakistan here on Friday, captain Chris Gayle said.

West Indies snatched defeat from the jaws of victory when their frontline paceman Jerome Taylor conceded 17 off the 50th over to allow Pakistan to sneak a fourwicket win in the first match on Wednesday.

Wicketkeeper batsman Kamran Akmal was Pakistan's hero, hitting Taylor for two sixes to help his team chase a daunting 295-run target set by the West Indies, aided by an aggressive 113 from Gayle.

Despite the disappointment, Gayle hoped the West Indies would do their best to level the three-

"We are positive despite being hurt, because we have two games

India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh

has slammed Australia skipper

Ricky Ponting, calling him a "very

players he had as teammates.

average captain" and attributing

Ponting has been severely criti-

cised for his tactics in the recent

Border-Gavaskar series which

Former Australia players have

accused Ponting of putting his

individual concerns ahead of his

team by using part-time bowlers at

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Indiawon 2-0.

left and need to come up with a better plan for a victory," said Gayle on Thursday.

It was the West Indian skipper who set the platform for a big total with a 125-run opening stand with Sewnarine Chattergoon, who

Pakistan rode on half centuries flow. from opener Khurrum Manzoor (69), Shoaib Malik (66) and Younus Khan (56) before Akmal (24) and Fawad Alam (26) pulled off an unlikely win.

Gayle said his team did nothing wrong but an unfortunate last over let the match slip.

"Our bowlers bowled well, especially the debutant (Lionel) Baker did well under pressure," said Gayle of the 24-year-old paceman, who took 3-47 to nearly derail Pakistan.

Gayle justified bowling Taylor at "What happened was that I

bowled one over and Taylor was supposed to come and replace me, but I bowled a good 47th over so I continued and he was left to bowl Sunday.

Ricky ordinary, says Bhajji

final Test in Nagpur to keep up with

and inflict Australia's first series

because he had great players like

(Adam) Gilchrist, (Shane) Warne

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Border-Gavaskar series. He is a very

average captain. And he is a very

average player too, especially here

inspirational leader.

his winning record to the great and (Glenn) McGrath," Harbhajan

defeat since the 2005 Ashes series.

India went on to win the Test

"Ponting was winning matches

"They won him matches and he

"He made mistakes in the

a critical stage of the fourth and in India."

the last over. It was unfortunate for him that he conceded 17 runs."

Pakistani bowlers too struggled against a rampaging Gayle, who hit 11 boundaries and five sixes during

his 17th one-day hundred. Assistant coach Aaqib Javed said it was tough when Gayle was in full

"It's tough to bowl when Gayle is on," said Javed, himself a former paceman. "But I think our batsmen were focused and did not give until the end and we now look for a 3-0

Pakistan were left waiting on the fitness of frontline paceman Shoaib Akhtar, who missed the first match due to a calf muscle injury. Javed said Akhtar was recover-

ing well. "He (Akhtar) bowled seven overs in two spells on Thursday but it's an internal injury and only Akhtar himself knows how he is feeling. We will wait until Friday morning to reassess his fitness, said Javed.

The third and final match is on

Ponting made a century in the

Harbhajan said Ponting, who

"Ponting had a lot to say about

"In fact, it is Ponting who first

"He got a hundred in the first

first Test in Bangalore which ended

in a draw, but made little impact

with the bat in the rest of the series.

managed 277 runs from seven

innings at an average of 38.0,

needed to learn how to play spin-

our players and about the way we

play our cricket," added Harbhajan

needs to go and learn to bat against

Test match in Bangalore but I don't

think that is enough, he needs to

come back and score some more

before he can claim to be a com-

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plete batsman."

Flintoff, Prasad clash at nets

INTERNET, undated

England have dismissed a disagreement between themselves and India as the two sides practised in the build-up to Friday's opening match of the one-day series.

The tourists were annoyed when a ball was hit from the Indian nets into their net area, narrowly missing batting coach Andy Flower as he supervised the session at the Madhavrao Scindia Cricket Ground.

All-rounder Andrew Flintoff walked over to the Indian squad and remonstrated with bowling coach Venkatesh Prasad before England coach Peter Moores walked over, shook counterpart Gary Kirsten by the hand and discussed the issue further.

But captain Kevin Pietersen, who was batting in the nets at the time of the incident and also clipped a switch-hit shot into the India nets, played down the inci-

"I haven't got a clue what happened because I was batting at the time," he explained. "I heard something was going on but I was concentrating on my batting.

"I don't think too much needs to be read into it -- if a guy is practising his shots, he's practising his shots, so there's nothing to read into it."

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni also shrugged off the disagreement, claiming: "There are big hitters on both the sides and I believe that was the reason why the ball kept flying around -- there is no problem.

Thursday's incident followed a bad-tempered Test series between the two countries in England in 2007, but Pietersen insists there is no animosity between the sides as they prepare for the start of the seven-match series.

"I think India plays its cricket tough, we play our cricket tough as do Australia and South Africa nations play with pride and pas sion, which is fantastic," he said.

Rony back

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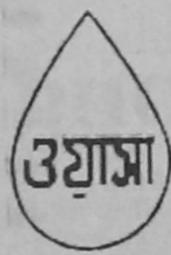
BKSP comfortably atop the medal table with seven gold, six silver and three bronze medals, set the other record of the day.

Mahfizur, who became the fastest male swimmer of the meet winning the 50m freestyle on Wednesday, bettered his own record in the 200m freestyle set last year. It was 2:02.09 in 2007 and Mahfizur took 2:00.58s this time, facing no contest from Bangladesh Army pair Rafiqul Islam (2:07.59s) and Sujan Ali (2:14.26s) who settled for silver and bronze respectively.

The day's other two gold medals went to Bangladesh Army's Niamul Haque (men's 200m butterfly) and Ansars' Mahfuza Khatun (women's 100m breaststroke).

Army, who will take on Navy in the final of water polo, were second in the table with a haul of 5-5-3, followed by Ansars (4-4-3) and Navy (2-2-4).

In the semifinals, Army drubbed Bangladesh Air Force 12-3 while Navy routed Bangladesh Police 10-1. The bronze went to Air Force who edged Police 4-3 in the play-off.



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ঢাকা ওয়াসার সম্মানিত গ্রাহকদের সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সৃষ্ঠু পানি সরবরাহের স্বার্থে ঢাকা ওয়াসার সঠিক গ্রাহক সংখ্যা নির্ণয়, হিসাব বহির্ভূত পানি ব্যবহার হ্রাস করার জন্য অবৈধ সংযোগ চিহ্নিতকরণসহ মিটারে অবৈধ হস্তক্ষেপ ও মিটার বাইপাস চিহ্নিত করার লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশ সেনাবাহিনীর সহায়তায় বাড়ি বাড়ি গিয়ে গ্রাহক জরীপ কার্যক্রমের উদ্যোগ নেয়া হয়েছে।

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Malik c Chanderpaul b Taylor

can do something extraordinary.

He snatched us a win from the jaws of defeat," said Malik.

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to Gayle who scored his 17th oneday century and put his team a solid footing with a 125-run opening stand with Sewnarine Chattergoon (33) after winning the

Ramnaresh Sarwan (55 off 61 balls) and Shivnarine Chanderpaul (36 off 33) also punished the lacklustre Pakistan bowling.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the first daynight one-day international between Pakistan and West Indies at Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu

WESTINDIES Gayle c Afridi b Gul Chattergoon c Manzoor b Malik 33 Sarwan c Akmal b Afridi Chanderpaul c Butt b Tanveer 36 Marshall b Gul Baugh c Malik b Gul Nash run out Taylor b Tanveer Powell b Tanveer Millernotout Extras:(lb-6, nb-2, w-6) Total: (For nine wkts in 50 overs) Did not bat: L. Baker Fall of wickets: 1-125, 2-198, 3-213, 4-255, 5-276, 6-285, 7-294, 8-294

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Man-of-the-match: Chris Gayle (West Indies)

tournament, scoring highest runs (149) in the event from five matches. Azad scored 33 in the opening match, 31 in second match and 27 in quarterfinal.

who grabbed highest 5 wickets in the tournament, became the best bowler. Earlier, in the semifinal The Daily

runs. Independent batsmen failed to show any competition chasing a massive 88 runs scored by The Daily Star with Azad again smashing 30. Jasim chipped in with 24 while Shafiqul finished with 18. Country manager of Bangladesh

Pepsi Company International Tejinder Khurana in a post-match ceremony handed over the trophy to the champion team as chief Irfan Chowdhury, ex-president of Bangladesh Cricket Board Rais Uddin Ahmed, DRU president Illius Khan, sports secretary ment committee chairman Monwar Haq were also present.

Momentum with India

First ODI against England today

Cricket

AFP, Rajkot

Buoyant India hope to build on their impressive Test success over Australia by defeating England in a seven-match one-day series starting on Friday.

Mahendra Dhoni's home team takes the field for the first match here just four days after beating world champions Australia 2-0 in a high-profile Test series to take the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Dhoni said he was confident his team would take the sudden switch to limited-overs cricket in its stride and was relying on fresh legs to see India through in a gruelling 19-day series across the country. "Modern schedules demand

that we switch quickly from Tests to

one-dayers and we have to adjust fast and keep up the momentum," the Indian captain said. "Besides, not all players in our one-day squad took part in the Tests and they will be fresh and

raring to go. Only five Indians -- Dhoni,

Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Harbhajan Singh, and Zaheer Khan-- who turned out for the Test series

will play the opening match.

One-day cricket's leading batsman Sachin Tendulkar opted to rest for the first three matches, while inform fast bowler Ishant Sharma has been sidelined for Friday's clash

because of a sprained ankle. England's left-arm seamer Ryan Sidebottom was ruled out of the first match with an Achilles tendon problem, but paceman Stuart Broad will play, having been declared fit following an earlier knee injury.

England on Thursday named left-arm spinner Samit Patel in their playing XI, which also includes seamer James Anderson at the expense of a second slow bowler in Graeme Swann.

England, who have not won a one-day series in India since 1984-85, will bank on inspirational captain Kevin Pietersen to lift the side after crashing for 98 in a practice match in Mumbai on Tuesday.

England also lost the Stanford millions to the West Indies in the winner-take-all game in Antigua on November 1, but coach Peter Moores said he was confident of taking advantage of India's

untimely switch to one-day cricket. "India will be very buoyant and very up, but will they be able to get

down quick enough to be able to deliver in Friday's game?" Moores

asked reporters. "There is also quite a big turnover in personnel and they have quite a few different players com-

"We have got the advantage that we are fresh and though Tuesday's practice match was disappointing, it is not going to knock our confidence as a team.

"We are very confident as a oneday team, we have a clear formula of how we are going to play and we want to go and test it out in different conditions in India."

England will also play two Test matches after the one-day series ends on December 2.

TEAMS

ENGLAND: Kevin Pietersen (capt), Ian Bell, Matt Prior, Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff, Owais Shah, Ravi Bopara, James Anderson, Stuart Broad, Stephen Harmison, Samit Patel.

INDIA (from): Mahendra Dhoni (capt), Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Suresh Raina, Yuvraj Singh, Rohit Sharma, Yusuf Pathan, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Munaf Patel, Pragyan Ojha, Rudra Pratap Singh, Virat Kohli, Murali

Symonds returns

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Andrew Symonds could make his return to Test cricket next week after being named in Australia's 13man squad to take on New Zealand in the first Test in Brisbane Symonds has been included alongside Jason Krejza, the offspinner who took 12 wickets on debut in Nagpur, and the Victoria fast bowler Peter Siddle. But there was no place for

allrounder who played all four Tests in India. White was the preferred slow bowler for the first three Tests but he finished the series with only five wickets and Krejza's success has bumped him down the list. White was the only man who played in the India Tests who has not retained his place for the Gabba

match. However, the selectors still

have a couple of tough calls to make

with Shane Watson, the allrounder

Cameron White, the legspinning

who replaced Symonds at No. 6, performing solidly in India. Watson made 170 runs at 24.28 but his seam bowling was particularly useful and among the Australians only Krejza and Mitchell Johnson collected more than Watson's ten wickets at 32.10.

Symonds has hardly been in con-

vincing form at state level and in

three Sheffield Shield outings for Queensland he has posted scores of 5, 5, 26, 0, 43 and 1.

But Andrew Hilditch, the chairman of selectors, said Symonds had done enough in the past to justify his place in the squad. "Over the previous 12 months, Andrew has cemented his place in the Test team with outstanding performances at home and in the West Indies," Hilditch said, "and he now deserves to come back into the Australian squad."

If Symonds does make the cut it will be his first Test appearance since the tour of the Caribbean this year. He was axed from the national squad in Darwin following his now infamous fishing trip but after completing a welfare process he made the first steps back to the international scene earlier this week when he was picked for Friday's Twenty20 match against an All-Stars line-up.

His chances of playing the Test might depend on the health of Michael Clarke, who has been selected subject to fitness. Clarke was struck down with a stomach virus in the fourth Test in Nagpur but there is still a week before the Test starts next Thursday and he is expected to be available.

The selectors will also have to make a call on the makeup of the attack with the fast men struggling for impact in India. Stuart Clark is likely to force his way back into the

starting line-up and Siddle will probably miss out, while the exact balance of the bowling group could depend on whether either Watson

or Symonds are squeezed out. Despite the conventional wisdom that the Gabba does not favour spin bowlers, it would be difficult to leave out Krejza after his sensational debut. He could also be helped by the past performances of Shane Warne, who defied the theory that Brisbane was better for the seamers. The Gabba was Warne's favourite venue and he collected 68 wickets there at 20.31.

"Jason Krejza richly deserves to retain his place in the side after such an outstanding debut in Nagpur," Hilditch said. "It will now be a significant challenge for him to adapt back to Australian conditions and continue his development."

The squad will be trimmed to 12 next Tuesday and the player who is not needed will be free to return to his home state. Shaun Marsh and Doug Bollinger, who were part of the touring party in India but did not play a Test, were not required for the Brisbane game.

SQUAD

Matthew Hayden, Simon Katich, Ricky Ponting (capt), Michael Hussey, Michael Clarke, Andrew Symonds, Shane Watson, Brad Haddin (wk), Jason Krejza, Brett Lee, Mitchell Johnson, Stuart Clark, Peter Siddle.

Abu Dhabi offers help

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

The Abu Dhabi Cricket Council has offered to step in as host for Pakistan's home series against India scheduled early next year, if concerns over security in Pakistan persisted. Dilawar Mani, the council's chief executive, said the council was ready to stage the matches if the situation arose.

His statement comes in the wake of the Indian Government recently calling off its five-match junior hockey series away to Pakistan at the eleventh hour citing security concerns. The 2008 Champions Trophy originally scheduled to be held in Pakistan this September, was also deferred to September-October 2009 after a number of participating teams

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refused to visit the country due to similar reasons.

"If Pakistan is not able to host the Indians for some reasons at home we would be willing to stage the matches free of cost," Mani told Pakistan news channel Geo News.

PCB CEO Saleem Altaf confirmed the offer from Abu Dhabi but was more in favour of holding the series at home. Pakistan's chances of hosting the postponed Champions

Trophy next year will be in jeopardy if India refuse to tour in January. "The ICC has kept the Indian tour to Pakistan as a benchmark for deciding on the relocation of the Champions Trophy because of the security situation in the country," Altaf said. A neutral venue, Altaf said, will be the worst-case scenario. "When there is no other option available, we will switch

over a home series to a neutral

venue. To earn sufficient income

through an alternative venue the PCB will discuss venues like Abu Dhabi, England or Sharjah. The venue which gives more money to the PCB will be selected."

However Altaf said security arrangements for India's tour were already underway in Pakistan. "The publishing of (match) tickets is also set to start. On Thursday, the PCB also received an email from the ICC President David Morgan asking to make arrangements for his visa as he is willing to watch the

first (Pakistan-India) Test. "Our first priority remains to convince India and other foreign teams to fulfil their obligation of touring Pakistan and supporting Pakistan cricket. The Pakistan board as a policy wants teams to tour Pakistan but at same time needs to generate funds and can't afford to become an isolated cricket nation," he said

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