



PHOTO: AFP

Former world No. 1 Kim Clijsters of Belgium returns a shot against Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia (not in picture) during their match at the Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open in Ohio on Thursday.

Hewitt's wife moves court

AFP, Sydney

The actress wife of Australian tennis star Lleyton Hewitt took a gossip magazine to court on Friday hoping to uncover the source of a "grubby" story which implied she was having an affair.

New Idea magazine has twice published apologies over the April article, titled "Bec's Other Man", which pictured Bec Hewitt with what they described as a "hunky American fitness trainer" named Minder Mark.

The man in the picture was in fact her brother-in-law Shaun Hewitt, who frequently accompanies the family on the tennis circuit.

Hewitt's lawyer Andrew Harris told the South Australian Supreme Court it was a "particularly grubby" article and the former soap star was determined to "discover its source so she could nail the liar as well as the lie".

"There is no Minder Mark, his persona is a fabrication," Harris said, according to the national AAP news wire.

The magazine's publisher, Pacific Magazines, argued it could not be forced to reveal where the information came from because "newspaper rules" applied, meaning its journalists had an obligation to protect their sources.

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On the track, the US team again looks strong, with the likes of 400m specialists Jeremy Wariner, Lashawn Merritt and Sanya Richards all offering healthy gold medal options.

Wariner, Allyson Felix, Kerron Clement, Michelle Perry, Reese Hoffa, Brad Walker and Bernard Lagat will all defend world titles from two years ago.

In the field, pole-vault queen Yelena Isinbayeva will be seeking to overcome a minor blip of finishing second in the recent London Grand Prix to continue her domination.

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Williams sisters tumble

Tennis

AFP, Cincinnati

Kim Clijsters kept her comeback rolling, but America's Williams sisters fell by the wayside at the two million-dollar WTA tournament here on Thursday.

Former world number one Clijsters, playing her first tournament in two years, booked a quarterfinal berth with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 victory over sixth-seeded French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

The Belgian earned a shot at world number one-ranked Russian Dinara Safina, who defeated China's Peng Shuai 6-3, 6-4.

"I feel really good after this match," Clijsters said. "It's not that I feel tired or drained or anything, just a few little aches and pains from getting back into playing matches."

But as Clijsters' dream return to the courts continued, the day proved a nightmare for both Serena and Venus Williams.

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Winning streak ends

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ball over long-off and long-on. In the previous game, Chigumbura came down at No. 9 -- today a promotion proved an excellent move.

Battered in the field, Bangladesh needed a commanding start but the top order's approach snuffed those hopes. Tamim Iqbal poked the first ball loosely to first slip, Naeem Islam lost his leg stump to a wild slog against Chigumbura and Mohammad Ashraful, for the umpteenth time, skied to third man. The pressure mounted on the in-form Shakib but it proved too much. Immediately after swinging Chigumbura for six, Shakib tried the aerial route only to top edge to point, leaving Rokibul and Mushfiqur Rahim to salvage an increasingly hopeless situation.

With 324 to win Bangladesh took some chances and Rokibul enjoyed a slice of luck on 9 when Prosper Utseya dropped a tough catch at cover-point. Mushfiqur targeted Masakadza's gentle medium pace, going over the top for six and four in successive overs. It

was an encouraging period of smart batting that briefly offered Bangladesh a glimmer of hope, the pair adding 68 at nearly run a ball, but was snapped by Ray Price. Price varied his pace to check runs and the frustration resulted in Mushfiqur holing out to long-on, after which he took out Mahmudullah. Rokibul flayed the bat after crossing his sixth ODI fifty and Mahmudul picked up three successive sixes in a maiden half-century, but they were only delaying the inevitable.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the three one-day international between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh at the Queen's Sports Club on Friday:
ZIMBABWE
Vermeulen c Mahmudullah b Mahubul 11
Sibanda c Mushfiqur b Mahubul 0
Masakadza b Rasel 102
Coventry run out 22
Taylor run out 94
Chigumbura not out 61
Matsikenyeri c Tamim b Shakib 23
Waller c Mehrab b Shakib 2
Utseya not out 0
Extras: (b-2, lb-2, w-4) 8
Total: (For 7 wks in 50 overs) 323
Did not bat: Price, Mupariwa.
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-17, 3-60,

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Rasel	9	0	59	1
Mahubul	9	1	84	2
Shakib	10	0	65	2
Enamul	10	0	41	0
Mehrab	10	0	56	0
Mahmudullah	2	0	14	0

BANGLADESH

Tamim c Vermeulen b Mupariwa	0
Nayem b Chigumbura	4
Ashraful c Masakadza b Mupariwa	9
Rokibul b Masakadza	78
Shakib c Sibanda b Chigumbura	17
Mushfiqur c Coventry b Price	33
Mahmudullah c Masakadza b Price	14
Mehrab c Vermeulen b Utseya	25
Mahubul c Vermeulen b Mupariwa	59
Enamul b Price	3
Rasel not out	1
Extras: (b-2, lb-2, w-7)	11
Total: (All out in 44.2 overs)	254
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-8, 3-16, 4-39, 5-107, 6-131, 7-173, 8-238, 9-248.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mupariwa	7.2	0	32	3
Chigumbura	8	0	46	2
Masakadza	4	0	37	1
Price	9	0	34	3
Waller	8	0	53	0
Utseya	8	0	48	1
Result: Zimbabwe won by 69 runs.				
Man-of-the-match: Elton Chigumbura.				

Change dawns in England

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adjust to the hustle and bustle of the English game swiftly enough to impact a title challenge. Glen Johnson also provides a successful outlet on the right hand side and with Steven Gerrard avoiding charges of affray and Fernando Torres looking to establish his credentials the Reds still have plenty of noteworthy players.

Which brings us to London, and Arsenal in particular. The Gunners have made it a habit of selling off their best players. This season was no different as trouble-maker striker Emmanuel Adebayor headed for Manchester Dhabhi (oops) and took the last of the Invincibles, Kolo Toure with him. While Thomas Vermeulen has been drafted in as backup, Wenger has steered clear of the

markets save for a few dips for Mourane Chamakh, which might prove futile. Otherwise all the Frenchman has served to do is strengthen a direct rival and please Mark Hughes.

It has been a summer of mixed feelings for Hughes. Sparky has tried his best to accumulate squad full of the world's best talent. But while the likes of Kaka have decided to ignore their pursuits, he has still managed to rope in prospect like the aforementioned two from Arsenal. Add Carlos Tevez and Gareth Barry to the mix and you have a quality laden squad with Robinho and Steven Ireland already in their books. What remains to be seen is whether Sparky can effectively mould a new team into a unit. Others more qualified than him have failed and just

because they have spent heavily doesn't mean that City will prove the straw that breaks the Big Four's back. Arsenal will be wary, but City still have a lot of convincing to do.

And that brings us to Chelsea. The London club are the only ones in the top four who have not gotten weaker. New coach Carlo Ancelotti has been drafted in with the aim of landing Roman Abramovic that much coveted European Cup. The Italian's record in the Serie A is quite shabby. Just one triumph with Milan in his eight seasons but in Europe they have been infallible. He has bought over the new diamond formation and has drafted in both Yuri Zhirkov and Daniel Sturridge to add depth and variety. If he can keep all the egos in check and get them

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AFP, Sydney

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