

## Sehwag to meet Delhi chief

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Virender Sehwag will meet the Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) chief Arun Jaitley on Tuesday to discuss his future with the state side a week after reports emerged that, fed up of selection interference, Sehwag was seeking a move to Haryana. Other senior Delhi players backed Sehwag's claims about the DDCA's selection procedures, with several saying that they would not hesitate to shift teams as well.

According to reports, DDCA officials accused Sehwag of trying to get his cousin picked in the Ranji team, allegations that Sehwag denied.

## Trott's dream

FROM PAGE 17 sitting here after a great day, it's something you work for all your life, starting with my father in the nets aged three."

Television pictures showed Trott's mother Donna in tears when he reached his hundred and her son said: "I just hope she can keep it together for the rest of the match."

Australia need to make over 100 more runs more than the current fourth innings record victory total of 418 for seven -- by West Indies against Australia in Antigua in 2002/03 -- if they are to retain the Ashes.

Australia middle-order batsman Marcus North, who took a Test-best four for 98 with his occasional off-spin, admitted: "History is against us. It's a massive target but the best thing we can do is not look too far ahead."

Australia were set 522 to win in the second Test at Lord's and put up a decent fight before losing by 115 runs.

"We batted well at Lord's and laid some foundations," North said. "This is a different Test with different conditions but we need to show the same character."

## Chinese

FROM PAGE 17 "I still have a lot of hard work and training to do if I want to compete with them."

Japan's Yoshiomi Ozaki had no response to Bai's turn of speed but hung on to take silver ahead of Ethiopia's Aselefech Mergia, who collapsed after crossing the finish line. China also won the team prize, ahead of the Japan and Russia.

"I was hoping for the top eight, so I'm pleased to win silver," said Ozaki. "But next time I want gold, it's good to have something to fulfill."

## We were

FROM PAGE 20 "You have to get going from the first minute."

"I'm asking myself what we did wrong on our preparations. What I'll do now is work hard and support the players."

"You just can't start the way we did. That was our problem."

## Barrichello

FROM PAGE 17 in eastern Spain.

Hamilton had started from pole but his hopes of victory were dashed by a muddled second pit-stop when the McLaren team had not prepared his tyres.

Hamilton's McLaren teammate Heikki Kovalainen, took fourth ahead of German Nico Rosberg of Williams and local hero Fernando Alonso of Renault, who was sixth.

Webber, second in the championship before the race, was ninth after his Red Bull teammate German Sebastian Vettel was forced to retire with an engine failure.

## Davenport

FROM PAGE 20 that officers were due to speak to her soon.

"The 19-year-old man that was arrested this morning shortly after the incident is still with police," she added.

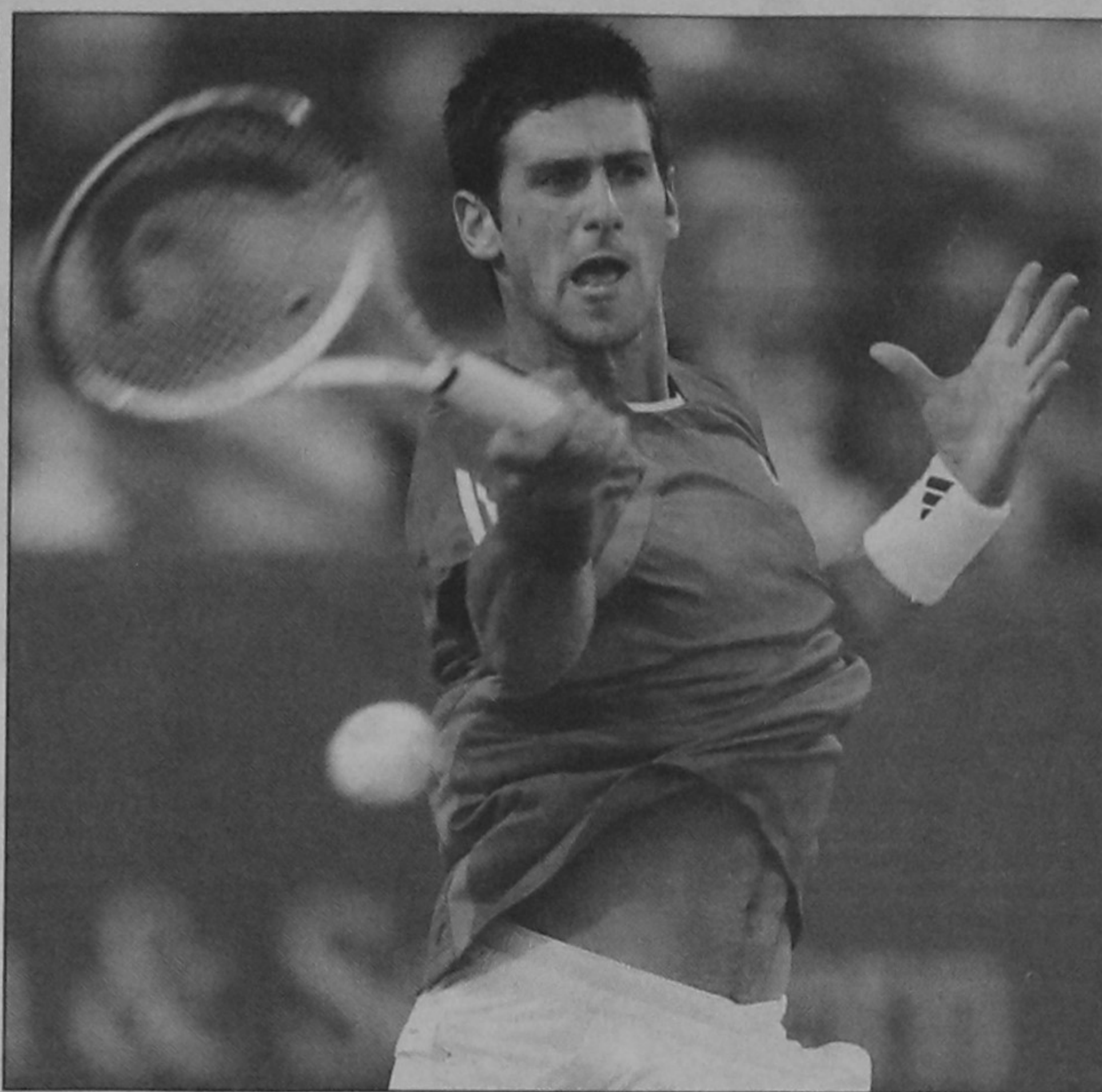
"A 25-year-old man has also been arrested. He has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder."

The 25-year-old was arrested in Derby, central England, and was to be escorted back to Bedfordshire for questioning.

## Milan's bright

FROM PAGE 20 Fiorentina coach Cesare Prandelli threw Romania captain Adrian Mutu into the fray in the second half and the former Chelsea forward levelled matters with a stunning volley on 64 minutes.

Fiorentina laid siege to the Bologna goal but Francesco Valiani saved a point for the hosts when he cleared Martin Jorgensen's late shot off the line.



Novak Djokovic of Serbia hits a forehand during his semifinal clash against Rafael Nadal of Spain at the Cincinnati Masters in Ohio on Saturday. Djokovic won the match 6-1, 6-4.

## Federer sets up Djokovic final

Tennis

AFP, Cincinnati

World number one Roger Federer snapped a four-match losing streak against second-ranked Andy Murray Saturday to book his berth in the Cincinnati Masters final.

Federer downed Murray 6-2, 7-6, his first victory against the Scot since his triumph in last year's US Open final.

Since then, Murray had bested the Swiss superstar four times, including twice this year.

In the final, Federer will face fourth-seeded Serb Novak Djokovic who swept past Spain's Rafael Nadal 6-1, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

Federer noted that Murray's victories against him tended to follow a similar pattern, with the Scot rallying and playing stronger as the matches progressed. "To me it was obviously important this time the same doesn't happen again," he said. "I stayed aggressive. I was always looking to make the plays, and I think in the end I deserved to win just because I wasn't scared to go after my shots. And I think I served well today."

"It was just overall a very good performance," Certainly Federer, whose 15 Grand Slam titles include this year's French Open and Wimbledon crowns, gave Murray little room to manoeuvre this time, never facing a break point in a match lasting an hour and a half.

"If you let Roger play well, then he's very, very difficult to beat," Murray said. "The first set I was leaving the ball short and giving him a lot of second serves to look at and not making a whole a lot of returns, so I couldn't put any pressure on him."

"He was going for his shots because I was leaving the ball in the middle of the court."

"I was happy that I managed to up my game in the second set," added Murray, who had two chances in the tiebreaker to force a third set.

He couldn't however, and Federer claimed the victory when Murray double-faulted on

Federer's second-match point.

"He was not sure if I was going to maybe run around the backhand and thump a big forehand or maybe just chip it in," Federer said of the pressure he was able to apply on Murray's serve. "Maybe making him doubt a little bit brought a double fault out, I don't know."

Murray had given Federer his first chance to close it out when he challenged rather than playing a Federer serve -- and was wrong.

Murray, who sank to his knees right after issuing the challenge, said he knew he had blown the call.

Federer had clinched the opening set with a successful challenge, after giving himself his third set point against Murray's serve with a textbook overhead smash.

Federer had insisted heading into the match that it held no special significance, despite Murray's winning streak against him. He stuck to that after the victory.

"I'm playing the tournament, not the player," he said. "I'm not going to change my tune saying, 'Now this is going to put me as a massive favourite for the US Open and now Andy is not going to beat me next time. That's not true. He's a wonderful player... and it takes a great performance to beat him these days.'"

Djokovic, who is last year's runner-up in this event, cruised through the first set and managed an early break in the second en route to the victory. He is now just 5-14 all-time against the second-seeded Spaniard.

"This has been one of the best matches in the season so far," Djokovic said. "It came in the great moment just before the US Open."

"I think I was trying to be from the first point in the control of the match, be very aggressive, and take the chances on each shot or ball that I had."

"The serve was exceptionally well when it needed to be, so overall I'm very happy."

Said Nadal, "He played really well. But I think this match is gonna be a good experience for me right now."

Federer is seeking his 61st career title.

## Australia struggling

FROM PAGE 17 Australia resumed Sunday on 80 without loss.

Left-hander Simon Katich had only added one to his overnight 42 when, padding up, he was plumb lbw to Swann.

And three balls later fellow opener Shane Watson (40) was lbw to first innings bowling hero Stuart Broad.

England consolidated Saturday the advantage gained from dismissing Australia for just 160, with Broad taking five for 37, in a second innings 373 for nine declared that featured a debut century from Jonathan Trott, who made 119.

Strauss's declaration left the visitors needing to break the record for a successful Test fourth innings run-chase, of 418 for seven set by West Indies against Australia in Antigua in 2002/03, to win this match.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day of the fifth and final Ashes Test between England and Australia at The Oval on Sunday:

ENGLAND: First innings 332 (Bell 72, Strauss 55; Siddie 4-75, Hilfenhaus 3-71)

AUSTRALIA: First innings 160 (Katich 50; Broad 5-37, Swann 4-38)

ENGLAND: Second innings 373-9 decl (Trott 119, Strauss 75, Swann 63; North 4-98)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings (overnight 80-0)

Watson lbw b Broad 40

Katich lbw b Swann 43

Ponting run out (Flintoff) 66

Hussey not out 77

Clarke run out (Strauss) 0

North st Prior b Swann 10

Haddin not out 10

Extras: (b-7, lb-7 nb-5) 19

Total: (For 5 wks in 79 overs) 265

To bat: Johnson, Siddie, Clark, Hilfenhaus.

Fall of wickets: 1-86, 2-90, 3-217, 4-220, 5-236.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Anderson	9	2	26	0
Flintoff	11	1	42	0
Harmison	10	4	31	0
Swann	33	7	98	2
Broad	16	2	54	1

## Magura

FROM PAGE 17 political and socio-cultural leaders, relatives of Shakib including his parents and several thousands fans greeted their hero with a garland of flowers.

Later, a reception was held at the Asaduzzaman auditorium with DC Mohammad Dilwar Bakht as the chair. The meeting was attended amongst others by additional deputy commissioner Tarikul Alam, chairman of Magura sadar upazila Abu Nasir Bablu, DSA officials Alhaj Makbul Hossain and Aminul Islam Chandu Mian, Shakib's father Mashrur Reza and mother Shirin Reza.

## Dan gets

FROM PAGE 17 panel, who select teams when the Blackcaps are playing."

Vaughan said in many countries captains already had a big role in selection of teams, but New Zealand Cricket wanted to go a step ahead and give him formal responsibility.

"Daniel is a strong and very able leader. He has vast international experience, and is absolutely committed to driving the team to improved performance. New Zealand Cricket has complete trust and confidence in Daniel Vettori being up to the task and we are convinced the team will benefit as a consequence."

## Another Bolt

FROM PAGE 17 Jamaica also won the women's 4x100m relay title after the US team had crashed out in their heat. The result meant that the only sprint title the US have won here is the women's 200m by Allyson Felix.

The Jamaican quartet, including individual 100m champion Shelly-Ann Fraser, timed 42.06 seconds to take gold ahead of Bahamas (42.29sec) while Germany took bronze (42.87sec).

Away from the world of sprinting, Kenya enjoyed an excellent day's work with long distance archrivals Ethiopia emerging as the main losers. Kenyan Abel Kirui won the men's marathon with compatriot Emmanuel Mutai claiming silver ahead of Ethiopia's Olympic bronze medallist Tsegay Kebede.

And in the absence of injured Ethiopian distance-running starlet Tirunesh Dibaba, Kenya's Vivian Cheruiyot trumped defending champion Meseret Defar, also of Ethiopia, in a sprint to the line in the women's 5000m.

As Defar eased off in the knowledge that she had been defeated, Cheruiyot's compatriot Sylvia Kibet stole in for silver. "With our team we decided to go at a fast pace, to push," said Cheruiyot. "We didn't know how the others could do in their final lap."

American Dwight Phillips, who was the 2004 Olympic champion and world champion in 2003 and 2005, regained his long jump title with a best of 8.54m after seeing defending champion and Olympic titleholder Irving Saladino fail to make it through to the final three jumps.

South African Godfrey Mokoena (8.47m) replicated his Beijing Games form with a silver and Australia's Mitchell Watt took bronze (8.37m).

## Usain invited to Bernabeu

AFP, Madrid

Self-confessed Real Madrid fan Usain Bolt has received an invitation from the Spanish side to attend their opening match of the new season against Deportivo La Coruna next weekend, sports daily Marca reported on Sunday.

Bolt, who captured his third gold medal of the world athletics championships in Berlin on Saturday, will have the chance to meet the team after the game, including his two favourite players -- strikers Raul and Ruud van Nistelrooy.

Bolt, speaking at last year's Olympic Games in Beijing, said he would love to spend a day training with his preferred side.

The Jamaican sprint king leaves Berlin having set new world records in the 100m and 200m with his gold medal hat-trick haul completed on Saturday with Jamaica's 4x100m relay team.

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## GM chess

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Bakre beat Indian FM Sahaj Grover, FM Abu Sufian Shakil drew with Bitan Banerjee, FM Kh. Aminul Islam beat Nepalese Shrestha Keshav, M Taibur Rahman drew with Nepalese FM Hamal Manish, FM Mehdi Hasan beat FM Mohammad Javed, Hasan Emam beat FM Sk. Nasir Ahmed, FM Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon beat Shrestha Bilal Lal, Golam Moshafa Bhuiyan beat Aminul Islam Polash, Indian Pandya beat Ikramul Haque Siam.

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## Elena-Maria showdown

Tennis

AFP, Toronto

Elena Dementieva avenged a tough Wimbledon defeat with a straight-sets victory over second-seeded Serena Williams Saturday to reach the final of the two million-dollar WTA hardcourt tournament here.

Fourth-seeded Dementieva defeated Williams 7-6, 6-1 and will face Russian compatriot Maria Sharapova in final.

Former world number one Sharapova, who is battling to regain peak fitness after being sidelined for 10 months by a shoulder injury, beat Alisa Kleybanova 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

This will be the 11th career meeting between Sharapova and Dementieva. Sharapova has dominated with eight wins and just two losses. Dementieva hasn't beaten Sharapova since the semifinals in Los Angeles three years ago.

Dementieva, 27, converted five of her 10 break chances against Williams. After they traded six breaks of serve in the opening set she turned the tide with a dominant victory in the tiebreaker.

It was the first time the two had met since an

epic semifinal battle at Wimbledon, which Williams won 7-6, 5-7, 8-6 en route to capturing the title.

"I was looking for this match, especially after losing such a close battle at Wimbledon," Dementieva said.

The Russian, often prone to double faults, had just two, the same number as Williams. She said serving well was key against the powerful American.

"I was trying to stay with a high percentage of first serves, which is very important with Serena because she always take advantage of the second serve to attack you."

Williams had been broken just once in her first three matches here, but she looked out of sorts from the start, misjudging her ground strokes and piling up the unforced errors.

"I can't say I was especially feeling the fire," Williams said. "Obviously you want to do well, and I always really want to do well."

"Honestly, I think I could have and should have won, but I didn't, so... it is what it is."

Sharapova snuck past countrywoman Alisa Kleybanova 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in two hours, 37 minutes to secure her spot in the finals.

With the score tied at 4-4 in the third set, Sharapova broke Kleybanova's serve before going on to win the match on her own serve.

## Gul desperate to beat India

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Fast bowler Umar Gul has said that Pakistan are desperate to beat India in the upcoming Champions Trophy fixture. Pakistan are grouped with Australia, West Indies and India, and the two teams face off on September 26 in Centurion.

"While every match will be important, the game against India, as always, will be special for both the sides," Gul said. "No rivalry can match the India-Pakistan rivalry and I think the match will be something billions of people all over the world will be waiting for."

"For us, the match is also important for the simple fact that we haven't beaten them in an ICC event and we're desperate to break that sequence (Pakistan have actually beaten India in the 2004 Champions Trophy)," he said.

Gul said that being World Twenty20 champions adds pressure due to increased fans' expectations.

"Although it is a different format, it is always good to go in as a champion side because it gives

## CHAMPIONS TROPHY

## Tuffey, Diamanti get Kiwi call-up

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Daryl Tuffey and Brendon Diamanti have made it to New Zealand's Champions Trophy squad while Nathan McCullum misses out. Diamanti, who is playing for New Zealand A in India, will also join the Twenty20 and one-day squads in Sri Lanka.

Tuffey, a fast-medium bowler, is part of New Zealand's squad in Sri Lanka but will not be playing any limited-overs matches there since the team management had decided to take three spinners into the one-day and Twenty20 series.

"But conditions will be different in South Africa -- two spinners will be sufficient there, and Daryl's inclusion will give our seam attack additional depth," coach Andy Moles, who now with Daniel Vettori, has been appointed to the selection panel said. "Officially that (Tuffey in tri-series squad) was the selection by the previous committee. But basically we have three spinners in the squad and the selectors thought three spinners would not be needed in South Africa."

Tuffey last played ODIs for New Zealand in the World Cup in 2007 after which he joined the

ICL for two years. On his comeback he picked up 3 for 41 in the tour game against Sri Lanka Cricket Development XI.

Moles said Diamanti's inclusion would give the squad an additional allrounder. "Brendon is a strong lower-order striker and has good control as a medium-pace bowler -- he will provide valuable back-up for the squad. He was included in the Twenty20 side in England. It's just a continuity. He works very hard on his game, and he is a good team man. He is got a lot of qualities we are looking for."

In 10 State Shield matches last season Diamanti scored 199 runs and took 12 wickets for Central Districts.

McCullum, who is also playing for New Zealand A, is yet to make his one-day debut. All A squad members will join the national team in Sri Lanka on August 26. Ian Butler, who is in New Zealand after a stint in UK, will reach Sri Lanka on August 24.

### SQUAD

Daniel Vettori (captain), Shane Bond, Neil Broom, Ian Butler, Brendon Diamanti, Grant Elliott, Martin Guptill, Gareth Hopkins, Brendon McCullum, Kyle Mills, Jacob Oram, Jeetan Patel, Jesse Ryder, Ross Taylor, Daryl Tuffey.

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