



PHOTO: AFP

Australia's ace fast bowler Brett Lee (R) celebrates after dismantling the stumps to get rid of England's Stuart Broad in the fourth one-day at Lord's yesterday.

## 'WW3 if Semenya barred'

### Athletics

AFP, Johannesburg

South Africa's sports minister said Friday there will be a "third world war" if Caster Semenya is barred from competing, after a media report that the gold medalist is a hermaphrodite.

"I think it would be the third world war. We will go to the highest levels of contesting such a decision," sports minister Makhakesi Stofile told journalists.

Stofile was reacting to a Sydney Daily Telegraph report, citing an unnamed source involved in tests on the world 800-metre world champion, which said Semenya had both male and female sex organs and no womb or ovaries.

South Africa's government

will carry out its own tests on Semenya before the world athletics governing body IAAF makes a decision in November on the 18-year-old's case, reported the Sapa news agency.

"We can't wait for November," Stofile told the briefing.

The teenager, who grew up in a rural north-east South Africa village, was meant to run a four-kilometre race at the national cross-country championships in Pretoria Saturday but had pulled out, her coach said.

"We have decided that Caster will not run tomorrow," said Michael Seme, adding that the runner was "not feeling well."

Athletics officials and Semenya's family reacted angrily to the article which follows a media frenzy after the

International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) confirmed Semenya was subject to a sex verification probe before she won the 800m in Berlin last month.

"I've raised her as young girl and I have no doubt that she is a girl. As the family, we don't care who is saying what and we also don't care, even if she won't be running internationally, but we will always support her athletic talent," Semenya's grandmother Maphuthi Sekgale told The Times newspaper.

The world athletics governing body downplayed any involvement with the report, saying in a statement released on Friday: "We would like to emphasise that these should not be considered as official statements by the IAAF."

South African President Jacob Zuma took a swipe at the

media Friday, saying it had invaded the teenager's privacy.

"I think we are faced with an unfortunate situation in this country where we claim to respect privacy and the rights of people, but then we do something that moves against those principles and values."

The ruling African National Congress described the reports as "offensive and demeaning", welcoming Stofile's saying that legal advice will be sought on the saga.

"The South African government is right to explore all legal ways to protect Caster against violation of her rights," the ANC said in a statement.

"We urge the South African government and Athletics South Africa to stop at nothing to halt this senseless abuse and violation of Caster's human rights."

## Dungarpur no more

AFP, New Delhi

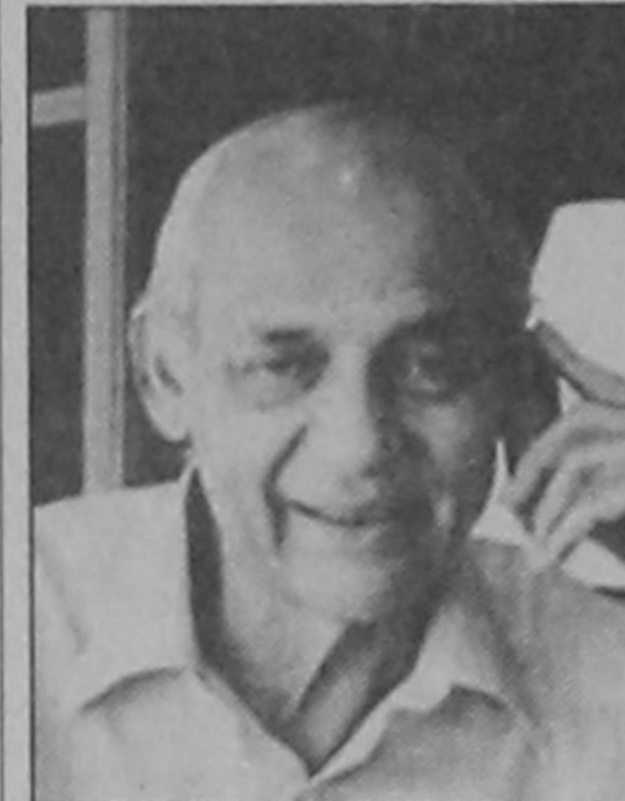
Veteran Indian cricket administrator Raj Singh Dungarpur died on Saturday, aged 73, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease, the Indian cricket board said.

Dungarpur served Indian cricket as team manager and chief selector, before becoming president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for three years from 1996 to 1998.

It was under Dungarpur's reign as chief selector that Sachin Tendulkar, now the world's most prolific batsman, made his Test debut aged 16 during a tour of Pakistan in 1989.

Dungarpur played first-class cricket between 1955 and 1971 as a medium-pacer, claiming 206 wickets in 86 matches.

He also headed the prestigious Cricket Club of India in Mumbai, which owns the Brabourne stadium, for 13 years before he quit the club



last year due to illness.

"It is a great loss to Indian cricket," BCCI president Shashank Manohar said in a statement.

"He served Indian cricket diligently and with distinction, in several capacities. He was a self-effacing individual who always put the sport, and Indian cricket in particular, above everything else."

"His contribution to Indian cricket for more than 30 years can never be forgotten."

## City gun down

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Adebayor's goal followed soon after but there was much more drama remaining in an astonishing encounter. In the 83rd minute, Wright-Phillips neatly finished by lobbing the keeper after he was played in on the break by Bellamy.

And with three minutes left, Rosicky capped a decent afternoon for himself -- if not for Arsenal -- by beating Given one-on-one for a late consolation.

In other early kick-offs of the night, nights other

Yossi Benayoun hit a hat-trick as Liverpool routed Burnley 4-0 at Anfield while Chelsea maintained their 100 per cent start to the campaign as Florent Malouda's stoppage time strike sealed a dramatic 2-1 victory at Stoke.

## Nadal ambles

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23, the second-youngest man to complete the career Slam. Budge did it at 22 at the 1938 French Open.

Nadal would also be only the second man to complete the career Slam at a US Open, the other being Australian Rod Laver in 1962.

Del Potro could become the first South American to win the US Open since Guillermo Vilas in 1977.

## Ponting backs Clarke for captaincy

### Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Ricky Ponting has endorsed Michael Clarke to succeed him as Australia's Twenty20 captain. Despite the strong cases presented by Cameron White and Brad Haddin to assume the 20-over captaincy, Ponting insisted his current vice-captain deserved the promotion and the opportunity to turn around Australia's fortunes in what is their weakest format.

Ponting announced his retirement from Twenty20 international cricket in the aftermath of Australia's Ashes defeat. An announcement on his successor will be made at the conclusion of Cricket Australia's board meeting next month but Ponting's public backing will be difficult to ignore.

Australia's selectors revealed their intended succession plan two years ago when they installed Clarke as Ponting's deputy in all three forms of the game. Clarke has excelled with the bat in the Test arena ever since but his declining strike-rate in the limited-overs formats has prompted questions over whether he is the man to lead the Twenty20 side.

White will presumably come under consideration, having led Victoria to all four finals of Australia's domestic Big Bash tournament, while Haddin has twice captained the Australian 20-over side this year. Ponting,

though, was adamant Clarke follow him into the leadership role and seek to restore confidence to the side ahead of the World Twenty20 tournament in the Caribbean next year.

"Michael has done a terrific job in my absence, be it in Twenty20 or 50-over cricket," Ponting said. "He's continued to grow as a player and a leader. I know Cricket Australia said at my announcement they would wait until later in the year before they name the captain but Michael's done everything right and deserves the first crack at it."

Ponting reiterated his belief that standing down from Twenty20 internationals would enhance his prospects of playing through to the 2011 World Cup and the 2013 Ashes. Should he achieve the latter goal, Ponting would join a select group of Australian players to have completed five Ashes tours.

"Not playing the World Twenty20 was the hardest thing to do; retiring knowing that was just around the corner and is such a big event," he said. "It wasn't that I wanted to get out of that tournament."

"(Retirement from Twenty20 internationals) is hopefully going to give me a better opportunity to be able to (play the 2013 Ashes series) and come back here. It was about me wanting to play at the level I feel I can play at in 50-over cricket and Test cricket. With 20-over international cricket there at the moment it was just making it harder to be physically fit and mentally sharp for every game that I was playing."

## 'Get a roof over Ashe'

INTERNET, undated

John McEnroe said the USTA can't be serious about going much longer without a roof over Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Friday's unrelenting rain drowned any hope of seeing a racket raised in competition on Day 12 at the National Tennis Center, sending the final weekend of the hardcourt major into chaos for a second year in a row.

"Certainly today is a damn shame," four-times champion and TV commentator John McEnroe said as he was leaving the complex after the last day at Flushing Meadows.

The resumption of Rafael Nadal's quarterfinal against Fernando Gonzalez was washed away as were both of the women's semifinals.

Foul weather and the Open's unique scheduling for the final weekend leave no margin for error, and forced a Monday men's title tilt for the second year running.

McEnroe, 50, said he had lobbied U.S. Tennis Association officials from the start to put a roof over massive Arthur Ashe Stadium when it was built to replace Louis Armstrong Stadium in 1997 as the tournament's main stage.

"It seemed like a no-brainer but people at the USTA (U.S. Tennis Association) decided they wanted to build the biggest (stadium)," McEnroe said about the 23,000-seat Ashe building.

"But at the same price they could've had a slightly smaller stadium and had a roof."

Officials spoke last year about studies it had done to add a 100 million dollar retractable roof but no plan to move forward has been announced. The Australian Open and Wimbledon employ roofs, and the French Open has plans for one in the near future.

"My idea was for utilizing it not only when it rains but to allow for stadium use year round, and for other things, like have some kind of tennis academy and have kids stay there."

"You could have people living in those (corporate) boxes, for example. Seemed like a great thing."

"Or have rock concerts and other things there to get more income generated for the kids."

McEnroe knew the arguments against but was not swayed.

"I know they say it doesn't rain as much here in New York as it does in London, for example," he said.

"But now they're in a big hole, because they have the biggest (tennis) stadium in the world and the expense to build it (roof) is so big that they don't want to lay it out."

Weather has fouled up recent match scheduling.

In 2006, a total of six sessions were washed out including two full days of play. Last year, Roger Federer waited until Monday to claim his fifth successive Open crown and the women played their final on Sunday.

## Afridi may

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Pakistan will be under tremendous pressure in the Champions Trophy.

"Carrying the tag of T20 World Cup winners into Champions Trophy means there are automatically going to be a lot of expectations from us to do well. The way we won T20 World Cup means we have the ability to win the Champions Trophy, but the only thing is we have to develop mindset to handle pressure as well," Afridi said.

He said there is no additional pressure on him after being appointed the vice-captain, and stressed that he would continue his natural 'boom boom' style during the Champions Trophy.

## Lee rattles

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between England and Australia at Lord's in London on Saturday:

ENGLAND  
Strauss c Bracken b Hauritz 63  
Dennis c White b Lee 11  
Bopara lbw b Hauritz 26  
Prior b Lee 29  
Shah c Ferguson b Watson 39  
Morgan st Paine b Bracken 13  
Wright b Lee 12  
Broad b Lee 2  
Rashid b Lee 4  
Bresnan not out 11  
Sidebottom b Johnson 2  
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-2, nb-4) 8  
Total: (All out in 46.3 overs) 220  
Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-96, 3-111, 4-146, 5-174, 6-200, 7-202, 8-206, 9-212

Bowler O M R W  
Lee 9 1 49 5  
Bracken 8 0 40 1  
Johnson 8.3 0 42 1  
Watson 8 0 46 1  
Hauritz 10 0 23 2  
Clarke 3 0 18 0

AUSTRALIA  
Watson lbw b Bresnan 26  
Paine c Prior b Rashid 51  
Ponting c Bopara b Bresnan 48  
Clarke not out 62  
Ferguson not out 23  
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-7, nb-2) 11  
Total: (For 3 wickets in 43.4 overs) 221  
Did not bat: Hussey, White, Johnson, Lee, Hauritz, Bracken  
Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-108, 3-168

Bowler O M R W  
Broad 9 0 43 0  
Sidebottom 7.4 0 41 0  
Bresnan 8 1 41 2  
Rashid 10 0 56 1  
Shah 3 0 12 0  
Wright 6 0 26 0  
Result: Australia won by seven wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Brett Lee.  
Toss: England.  
Umpires: Asad Rauf and Nigel Llong.

## 'Asif won't be stressed'

### Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan captain Younus Khan and coach Intikhab Alam Saturday said they would not put pressure on paceman Mohammad Asif who makes his comeback in the Champions Trophy after a one-year doping ban.

The 26-year-old fast bowler was recalled to the Pakistan squad for this month's Champions Trophy after his ban expires on September 22 following a failed dope test in the Indian Premier League (IPL) last year.

Younus said Asif would be given space to get his form back.

"We are not going to put pressure on Asif because he is coming after a one-year gap and I would also expect the fans not to expect much of him," Younus told reporters at the training camp.

Pakistan, who were originally to host the tournament before it was moved over security fears, are in Group A of the eight-nation event to be held in South Africa from September 22 to October 5.

Pakistan start their campaign with a match against 2004 champions the West Indies on September 23.

"We will see how he copes and then decide whether to play him in the first match or not," said Younus of the paceman who last played for Pakistan in a one-day match against Bangladesh in April 2008.

"I wish him the best, and hope that he gets five wickets against India and helps us win that game,"

Younus said on a lighter note about Pakistan's crucial match against India on September 30.

Pakistan also play Australia in their last group match on September 30.

Asif, who burst onto the scene in 2005, hit the headlines for the wrong reasons in 2006 when, along with controversial fellow paceman Shoaib Akhtar, he tested positive for the banned steroid nandrolone.

Akhtar was banned for two years and Asif for one year, but the bans were overturned on appeal. Asif was also detained at Dubai airport for 19 days while returning from India after featuring in the IPL in 2008 after he was found in possession of opium. He was later deported.

Asif is training separately with the Pakistan Under-19 team as he cannot attend preparation camp for the Champions Trophy until his ban expires.

Younus said Asif was a potential match-winner and would be needed for future matches.

"We had to bring him back as he is a quality bowler and even if he doesn't perform in this event, we would hope that he comes in better shape for our tours to New Zealand and Australia later this year."

Coach Alam also believed Asif should be given space.

"Asif is one of the best new ball bowlers, but for this event we will have to give him time," said Alam.

"He will perform with every match and I am confident that he is in a very good physical condition."

Pakistan fly out on September 17 and play two warm up matches before the tournament starts.

## SL crush India

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Jayasuriya missed his 29th one-day century by two runs when he was declared leg-before by former teammate and now international umpire, Kumar Dharmasena, off seamer Ashish Nehra in the 30th over.

Kandamby built on Jayasuriya's effort with an aggressive knock, adding 83 for the sixth wicket with Chamara Kapugedara to lift Sri Lanka to a formidable total.

Both teams observed a minute's silence before the start, and the Indian team wore black armbands, in memory of veteran cricket administrator Raj Singh Dungarpur, who died in Mumbai on Saturday aged 73.

SCOREBOARD  
Full scoreboard of the tri-series one-day international between India and Sri Lanka at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Saturday:

SRI LANKA  
Dilshan c Dhoni b Sharma 23  
Jayasuriya lbw b Nehra 98  
Jayawardene st Dhoni b Pathan 17  
Sangakkara lbw b Harbhajan 5  
Mathews st Dhoni b Raina 19  
Kandamby not out 91  
Kapugedara not out 36  
Kulasekara not out 3  
Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-10) 15  
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs) 307  
Did not bat: Malinga, Mendis, Thushara

Fall of wickets: 1-57, 2-94, 3-102, 4-172, 5-176, 6-259  
Bowler O M R W  
Nehra 9 0 62 1  
RP 8 0 58 0  
Ishant 10 0 67 1  
Harbhajan 10 1 37 1  
Pathan 7 0 45 1  
Yuvraj 3 0 20 0  
Raina 3 0 14 1

INDIA  
Karthik c Sangakkara b Thushara 16  
Tendulkar c Mendis b Kulasekara 27  
Dravid b Mathews 47  
Yuvraj c Sangakkara b Malinga 46  
Raina c Sangakkara b Mathews 8  
Dhoni b Mathews 8  
Pathan c Sangakkara b Mathews 4  
Harbhajan b Mathews 4  
RP not out 19  
Nehra b Mathews 1  
Ishant c sub (Tharanga) b Mendis 13  
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-14) 16  
Total: (All out in 37.2 overs) 168  
Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-67, 3-105, 4-108, 5-126, 6-129, 7-130, 8-135, 9-139

Bowler O M R W  
Kulasekara 8 1 35 1  
Thushara 6 0 34 1  
Malinga 8 0 33 1  
Dilshan 2 0 17 0  
Mathews 6 0 20 6  
Jayasuriya 2 0 5 0  
Mendis 5.2 0 22 1  
Result: Sri Lanka won by 139 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Angelo Mathews.  
Toss: Sri Lanka.  
Umpires: Billy Doctrove and Kumar Dharmasena.

## Kumble wants 40 over ODIs

INTERNET, undated

India's former captain Anil Kumble wants one-day internationals cut to 40 overs per side.

The 50-over format is losing popularity following the advent of Twenty20 matches, which last about three and half hours.

England's cricket board has decided to drop 50-over cricket from its domestic competitions, reducing it to 40-over games, with some commentators predicting the demise of 50-over cricket.

"I don't think one-day internationals are going to get extinct, but there is a little bit of threat on the development of the format," Press Trust of India quoted Kumble as saying Saturday.

India's Sachin Tendulkar last week suggested that the 50-over matches be split into two innings per side to revive the format.

"You need such innovations as Sachin suggested, but my thought is to shorten one-day internationals from 50 to 40 overs," said Kumble.

## Rony disbands Army

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And, that was the Army's first and last attack as Sheikh Russel adopted a risky strategy to bring the Army men in the middle and went for quick attacks that resulted in five more goals in the second half.

Abdulai widened the margin 4-1 in the 63rd minute and seven minutes later Rony struck his second and completed the hat-trick in the 82nd minute before Rajon made it 7-1. Rony sealed the match five minutes from time.

Sheikh Russel coach Kamal Babu, admitting the surprise triumph, said he did not expect such a big margin, which was possible because the boys availed all opportunities that came in their way.

Kamal Babu, however, may

face tough challenge from Beanibazar SC and Farashganj SC, the two other opponents in Group C, as they played tough game in the day's second match at the same ground.

Beanibazar, coached by Jasimuddin Ahmed Johsi, were the better side on the field and deserved the win against Abu Yousuf's Farashganj SC, who had only two shots on the target in the game.

The margin of Beanibazar could have been bigger had Pappu not missed the spot kick in the 19th minute after referee Tayeb Hasan awarded the penalty shot following the rough tackle by defender Saikat inside the danger zone.

Guinean striker

Mohammed Iamine Soumah, who at least missed a couple of scoring chances in the first half, finally found the back of Farashganj net in the second half when medio Saifullah chipped in the box and the tall striker nodded the ball home.

"More or less, I am satisfied with the performance though I have got only nine days to prepare the boys, who still lacked fitness," said Johsi adding that he had lacked of quality players.

"There was nothing to be disappointed as we are taking part in the tournament amid our preparation and sans a few key players like Sabuj, Reza, Zahid and Babu. Besides, all the players are still tired following the hard camp," said Yousuf.

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