



Nikolay Davydenko of Russia celebrates after beating top seed Rafael Nadal of Spain in the Shanghai Masters final in Shanghai yesterday.

## Davydenko Shanghai Master

INTERNET, undated

An inspired Nikolay Davydenko beat top seed and world number two Rafael Nadal 7-6, 6-3 to become the first Shanghai Masters champion.

The sixth seed blasted winners from both sides throughout the two-hour contest, winning a tight first set 7-3 in the tiebreak and then getting the only break of the second to secure his fourth title of the year.

Spaniard Nadal, still short of his best form after the knee and abdominal injuries that have disrupted his season, battled gamely in his first final since May, but always looked second best against the gutsy Russian.

Davydenko, the world number eight, sealed his fourth win in four finals this year when the Australian Open champion went long with a backhand, and a subsequent Hawkeye challenge ruled in the Russian's favour.

## Abahani scrape

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sixes and two boundaries. Tamim's relentless hitting turned Abahani into a mere spectator and the match was wrapped up inside ten overs.

Earlier, Mohammedan's left-arm pace bowler Emon Ahmed's impressive bowling put paid to Biman's hope of putting up a big score. Emon's swing and bounce undid the Biman batsmen, reducing them to 6 for 35 in six overs with figures of 3 for 13. Mohammedan's spinners were equally effective, and never gave any opportunity to the Biman batters to stand any authority over the bowlers.

Gazi Tank also kept their hundred per cent record with a 27-run win over Old DOHS at Fatullah earlier in the day, thanks to an all-round display from youngster Sohrawardi Shuvo who scored 23 not out off just 16 balls to help his side post 122 for 5 in twenty overs and then took 4 for 13 and also effected a run out to restrict CCS for 95 for eight in twenty overs.

Biman's loss meant they failed to grab a semifinal spot from Group A, which was taken by Khelaghar who had earlier won their match against BKSP

at Fatullah by three runs. In a low scoring affair, BKSP made 122 for nine in 20 overs, chasing a victory target of 125. Delwar Hossain top-scored with 40 runs off 42 balls for Khelaghar. The other match in this group between Victoria and Partex was abandoned due to rain.

It was a three-way battle for the second semifinal spot from Group B. Abahani, Surjo Torun, and Kalabagan, all of them started the day tied at 4 points each. Abahani made sure they did all in their power by rolling up a hapless Cricket Coaching School by seven wickets in a curtailed fourteen-over-side match at the Dhanmendi Cricket Stadium. Abahani bowlers kept CCS batters in check throughout their innings. Abahani openers Imrul Kayes (22) and Rony Talukder (24) made sure there were not many hiccups before they eventually overtook the paltry target of 72 in 12.5 overs.

Their progress into the last four was ensured when Kalabagan recorded a six-wicket win against Surjo Torun in the last match of the day.

After restricting Torun to 119, Kalabagan reached 121 for four with five balls to spare.

## Rating chess

SPORTS REPORTER

FM Syed Mizanur Rahman Emon of Air Destiny enjoyed solo lead with six points after the sixth round matches of the Pexatech Open International Rating Chess Tournament at the chess federation hall room yesterday. FM Mohammad Abdul Malek and Dewan Md. Riad were jointly in second position with five and a half points. Thirteen players were in third position with five points each. The matches of the seventh round will be held at the same venue today from 3:30 pm.

## Strauss backs KP as captain

ANI, London

Current England cricket captain Andrew Strauss believes the country's best bat Kevin Pietersen can return as captain despite his spectacular fall from grace nine months ago.

The Telegraph and the UK Express quoted Strauss, as saying: "I wouldn't rule out Kevin becoming captain again. He has some attributes, which would make him a very good captain. He is very confident in his own abilities, has strong views on the game and has the ability to lead by example."

"I wouldn't rule it out. The timing last time was not ideal because at that stage he and Peter Moores did not see eye to eye. I think what is fundamental to being a successful coach or captain is that you have a very good working relationship with each other, which they didn't have at that time," he added.

He added: "I've been in the job now for nine or 10 months and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I still feel there is a huge amount more we can do in Test matches and in one-day cricket, so I'm excited and motivated by that. You have a limited shelf life but that varies from person to person. I think Michael Vaughan went out before people expected, which is a testament to how good a captain he was."

## U-19 trail

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to trail by 49 runs. Wicket keeper Anamul Haque was the top scorer with 46 runs off 69 balls, which included four fours and a six, while Saikat Ali scored 45 off 167 balls.

Nathan Buck and Danny Briggs claimed three wickets each for the English side.

Taking a 49-run first innings lead, touring English team scored 38 for 2 in 16 overs in their second attempt to take an overall lead of 87 runs at the end of day three. Bangladesh skipper Mahmudul Hasan captured both the wickets.

## Lee will

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personal life private, but I can tell you it's tough being away," Leesaid.

The experienced 76-Test pacer revealed how Australian fast-bowling icon Dennis Lillee and his brother Shane Lee have helped him handle a tumultuous two years.

"I speak to my brother Shane a lot. He's been a great mentor for me," Leesaid.

"Dennis Lillee is another person who helped me before I went over to the Ashes and whose advice I always value."

### SCORES IN BRIEF

Royal Challengers Bangalore 139 for 2 (Taylor 65, Dravid 32 not out) beat Delhi Daredevils 138 for 6 (Sehwag 47; Kumble 3-20) by eight wickets.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN WHAT CRAMPED AREA OF THE HOUSE MIGHT YOU FIND YOUR BABY HAPPILY PLAYING? THE CRAWL SPACE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals S

# Zimbabwe go 3-1 up

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Zimbabwe won the battle of the bats in Harare to take the series after going up 3-1 against Kenya in the fourth one-day international on Saturday. The series win was their second over the same opposition this year. Zimbabwe were boosted by a collective batting display, with each of their top five batsmen making important contributions, as they chased down a challenging target with ease. Three of their batsmen -- Mark Vermeulen, Forster Mutizwa and Brendan Taylor -- struck half-centuries to see them home by six wickets with two overs to spare.

With a stiff task ahead of them, Zimbabwe were given a strong start when the in-form Hamilton Masakadza knocked 23 in an opening partnership of 30. Vermeulen and Mutizwa then seized control, adding 111 at better than a run-a-ball. Nehemiah Odhiambo brought an end to the stand, dismissing Vermeulen for 56, but a solid foundation for a successful chase had been laid.

If Kenya sensed an opening with Vermeulen's dismissal, they were thwarted by Brendan Taylor, who supported Mutizwa in a solid partnership. Despite the fall of a wicket, the scoring rate remained healthy. Mutizwa struck six fours and a six in a stand of 79, and added 47 with Taylor before being trapped lbw by Lameck Onyango.

Taylor then took up the responsibility of anchoring the innings, and Stuart Matsikenyeri, one of the mainstays of the Zimbabwe line-up, continued the good work. There was little aggression in his knock, but the scoring remained unhindered; he struck just two boundaries in his 39-ball 37. Taylor, too, worked it around; only 16 runs of his better-than-a-run-a-ball 60 came in fours. By the time Matsikenyeri was castled by Odhiambo, Zimbabwe's task was a mere formality and Taylor ensured the game was sealed with no fuss.

Zimbabwe had been set such a tall target chiefly due to Maurice Ouma's run-a-ball half-century, which had led Kenya's batting effort.

Kenya were well placed at 190 for 3 in the 40th over, with Ouma and Rakep Patel adding 86. But legspinner Graeme Cremer struck twice in two

overs to dismiss the two settled batsmen. Kenya slowed down a touch before Thomas Odoyo, coming at No. 8, smashed 30 off 17 balls to lift the total.

Kenya were given a confident start by their openers David Obuya and Alex Obanda, who put on 64 in 12 overs before Obanda edged one off Ray Price for 33. Three overs later, Prosper Utseya took the first of his four wickets, catching Steve Tikolo off his own bowling. Obuya and Patel ticked along at under four an over till Utseya trapped Obuya one short of his fifty.

Zimbabwe would have expected to keep Kenya to 250 when they broke the Ouma-Patel stand. However, Odoyo's violent hitting -- three fours and two sixes -- ensured 73 runs were scored off the last eight overs, but the effort, in the end, was in vain.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fourth one-day international between Zimbabwe and Kenya at the Harare Sports Club on Saturday: **KENYA**

Obuya lbw b Utseya 49  
Obanda c Taylor b Price 33  
Tikolo c&b Utseya 5  
Patel c Coventry b Cremer 47  
Ouma c Utseya b Masakadza 58  
Obuya b Utseya 7  
Kamande c Waller b Utseya 17

Odoyo st Taylor b Price 30  
Odhiambo not out 7  
Onyango not out 12  
Extras: (b-3, w-2) 5  
Total: (For 8 wks in 50 overs) 270  
Did not bat: Varaiya.  
Fall of wickets: 1-64, 2-73, 3-104, 4-190, 5-197, 6-207, 7-244, 8-250.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Jarvis 10 0 65 0  
Price 10 2 57 2  
Utseya 10 1 46 4  
Cremer 10 0 48 1  
Masakadza 7 0 36 1  
Waller 3 0 15 0

**ZIMBABWE**  
Masakadza c Patel b Odoyo 23  
Vermeulen c D Obuya b Odhiambo 56  
Mutizwa lbw b Onyango 79  
Taylor not out 60  
Matsikenyeri b Odhiambo 37  
Waller not out 1  
Extras: (lb-4, w-10, nb-1) 15  
Total: (For 4 wks in 48 overs) 271  
Did not bat: Coventry, Utseya, Cremer, Price, Jarvis.  
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-141, 3-188, 4-254.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Odoyo 8 0 41 1  
Onyango 8 0 44 1  
Odhiambo 9 0 48 2  
Kamande 6 0 45 0  
Varaiya 9 0 48 0  
Tikolo 8 0 41 0

**Result:** Zimbabwe won by six wickets and led the five match series 3-1.  
**Man-of-the-match:** F Mutizwa.

## Bangladesh

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Grand Prix as well as next year's South Asian Games.

"As far as I know, India is sending some archers who had earlier competed in Olympic and World Championships and Malaysia is also sending their world-class archers and they will be our prime rivals," said Ahmed. "However, our preparation is good enough and I cannot spell out a single name as the boys are doing well in practice."

The general secretary said that their performance in the compound event was not good, but they hoped to secure silver or bronze medal in compound 70m event.

Uttara Bank, an organisation which has been maintaining a close relation with the archery federation, is the prime sponsor of the tournament as they will provide Tk 25 lakh out of an estimated budget of Tk 41.5 lakh.

Besides, Cute, GMG Airlines, My One television, Pepsi, City Group, Dhaka Regency Hotel will provide the rest of the money.

Tournament committee chairman Gazi Golam Dastagir and tournament director and Asian Archery Federation vice-president major (ret'd) Baharuddin Jamil spoke on the occasion.

## B stands

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The meeting also decided to unveil a logo of the 3rd Bangladesh League on Monday which is scheduled to start from October 25.

The meeting also formed three committees -- SAFF Championship Organising Committee, South Asian (SA) Games Football Committee and BFF Grounds Committee.

BFF senior vice-president Salam Murshedi was named as chairman of the first two committees while Bazlur Rahman Babul was named as the chairman of the grounds committee.

The meeting also appointed BFF member Ekramul Karim Chowdhury as the leader of Bangladesh U-19 team for the AFC U-19 qualifiers in Thailand next month and chose former national booter Amer Khan as the manager of the squad.

## Champs back

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Birmingham. Andrei Arshavin sealed Arsenal's victory six minutes from time.

In other games, Stoke beat West Ham 2-1 while Everton and Wolves drew 1-1.

James Beattie put Stoke ahead from the penalty-spot at the Britannia Stadium, but second-bottom West Ham levelled before the break when Matthew Upson headed in a corner.

## Barcelona

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side-foot home a Marcelo pass.

The game looked wrapped-up but Nautzet German curled an unstoppable free-kick past Iker Casillas close to the half hour mark.

Marcelo responded with a fine individual goal smashing home with his weaker right foot with literally the final kick of the first period.

Valladolid reduced the cushion to just one goal on 53 minutes before substitute Higuain produced a sublime 79th minute chipped finish to seal the game.

# Sky Blues blaze

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converting a low drive from Ujjal five minutes into the second half.

Coach Amalesh withdrew Ujjal after 60 minutes and made three changes to send on Zahid Parvez Chowdhury, Arif Khan Joy and M Sujan, but they could not widen the margin.

It was a great relief for Abahani to see the better coordination in the midfield before the final clash with rivals Mohammedan and coach Amalesh Sen praised Ujjal for his invaluable contribution in the match.

"The midfield played as expected today and we never felt worried despite going down in the initial moment as we were confident to bounce back, specially in the way we were playing," said Amalesh adding that conceding the early goal was a blessing for them.

The Abahani's long-serving coach also praised the opponents for the fighting

approach till the last moment.

Beannibazar coach Josimuddin Ahmed Joshi, however, was bit unprepared to concede four goals and blamed some mistakes made by the defenders for the loss.

Joshi said that three Ghanaian players of Abahani made the difference in the game.

### TEAMS

**ABAHANI:** Biplob Bhattacharjee, Samad, Rajani, Siraji, Mishu, Ujjal (Zahed), Pranotosh (Joy), Shahedul Alam (Sujan), Awal, Enamul and Sherif.

**BEANNIBAZAR:** Sultan, Faisal Mahmud, Mollah Moshir Kabir, Shahanur Rahman Ronny, Bipul Chandra Barman, Ashraful Karim, Toufiq Hasan Gafur, Lamine Soumah, Rashed Ahmed Pappu (Sheikh Abid Hossain), Rikto (Sohel Rana) and Saifullah.

**Yellow cards:** Saifullah (beannibazar).

**Referee:** Tayeb Hasan.

## NSW in semis

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position from which they never recovered. Clark could have had another wicket but he dropped Zander de Bruyn off his bowling.

It might have been Clark who did the major damage, but the platform was laid by a hostile spell from Lee, who didn't shy from using short deliveries and troubled both the openers. He got away swing and bounce as he went hard at them. Doug Bollinger gave away a few runs but Lee yielded just four runs from the first two overs. The pressure eventually told on the openers who tried to break free against Clark and threw their wickets away. Lee returned in the end overs to pick up a wicket and kept a lid on the scoring.

But there was little else to celebrate for Langer and his men as the ruthless NSW machine rolled along without any trouble.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

New South Wales 112 for 4 (Warner 40) beat Somerset 111 for 7 (Clark 3-15) by six wickets

# Taylor KO's Delhi

CRICINFO, undated

Twenty 20 matches are usually pulsating affairs, and this one lived up to that billing. A Diwali that began with a bomb scare ended in fireworks as Royal Challengers Bangalore, having been eliminated before they took the field, took Delhi Daredevils down with them.



## Did U Know?

Spanish footballer Raul's goal celebration has consisted of kissing his wedding ring as an acknowledgment to his wife.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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