



Easy win for Chennai

PTI, Chennai

Murali Vijay struck a blistering 78 upfront and Suresh Raina chipped in with a crucial unbeaten 44 down the order as Chennai Super Kings beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by five wickets to keep alive their semifinal hopes in the Indian Premier League here on Wednesday.

Opting to bat, Bangalore rode on a 49-ball 52 from South African Jacques Kallis to post a competitive 161 for four, but the hosts overhauled the target with one over to spare at the floodlit M Chidambaram Stadium.

Opener Vijay, who studied his innings with six sixes and four fours, gave Chennai the required momentum in the beginning, while Raina completed the task with an unbeaten 35-ball 44, which he made with the help of four fours and a six.

SCORES IN BRIEF ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE: 161 for 4 (Kallis 52, Kohli 34, Pietersen 23 not out; Jakati 2-17) CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 166 for 5 (Vijay 78, Raina 44 not out, Dhoni 14) Result: Chennai Super Kings won by five wickets. Man-of-the-match: Murali Vijay.

Three post easy wins

SPORTS REPORTER

Viqarunnisa Noon School, Scholastica and Green Herald International School won their respective matches in the Citycell Dhaka Metropolitan School (Girls) Football Championship at different venues in the city yesterday.

A brace from Anni guided Viqarunnisa to a 2-0 win over Rahmatullah Model High School at the Azimpur Girls' School and College ground, which also saw the match between Agrani School & College and Islambagh Ashraf Ali High School ending in a goalless draw.

At the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex ground in Dhanmondi, Scholastica defeated Motijheel Govt Girls High School 2-0 with Anusha and Arsha striking a goal apiece.

Green Herald blanked Summerfield International School 4-0 with Shrabanti netting twice while Anisa Wali and Raisa scored one goal each.

The match between Rajdhani High School and Don Grammar ended in a goalless draw at the same venue.

Delhi thump

FROM PAGE 17 In the face of a disciplined bowling by Delhi.

Brief Scores Delhi Daredevils: 188 for 6 in 20 overs (Karthik 69, Gambhir 43; Narwal 3-36) Rajasthan Royals: 121 all out in 17.4 overs (Ojha 27; Mishra 3-25) Result: Delhi won by 67 runs M-O-M: Denesh Karthik

Abahani rope FROM PAGE 17 Sheikh Russel, the third-paced side in the point table, also signed up two more Moroccan players -- Jamal Nakhli and Salash Maslouch and released Brazilian Renato Lucas and Hafun Albarka of Togo.

Chittagong Mohammedan, Farashganj SC, Rahmatganj MFS and Shuktara Jubo Sangsad roped in Liberian Markson F Grey, Nigerian Nnadi Victor, Nigerian Paul Macjames and Nigerian Amadi Mose respectively.

BKSP & Ankur

FROM PAGE 17 all-round show enabled Ankur to register a six-wicket victory over Noakhali's Arun Chandra High School.

The winners made 205 before being all out in 45.5 overs. Rakibul hit 65 while Toukir added an unbeaten 37. Toukir then claimed six wickets for 23 runs as Arun Chandra were bundled out for 134 runs in 36.3 overs.

Maruf, Faiaz

FROM PAGE 17 Rangpur (297-10) beat Gaibandha (263-9) by 34 runs, Chapainawabganj (186-9) defeated Pabna (182-10) by one wicket, Barisal (43-1) ran over Pirojpur (41-10) by nine wickets, Habiganj (91-9) beat Sylhet (87-0) by one wicket and Kushtia (257-6) defeated Jessore (232-10) by 25 runs.

NZ v AUS, 2ND TEST

Australia sweep series



CRICINFO, undated

Mitchell Johnson achieved his second ten-wicket match haul in Tests to finish off New Zealand before lunch as Australia swept to a 2-0 series victory. New Zealand resumed at 185 for 5 chasing a record-breaking target of 479, but Johnson and Doug Bollinger dismissed them for 302 to secure a 176-run victory on the fifth and final day Hamilton yesterday.

Johnson was responsible for causing the early damage in the pursuit on Day Four when his high-speed spells gained three wickets and he backed up with another three. The 6 for 73 followed his 4 for 59 in the first innings and gave him 12 victims for the series. The performance ensured Australia finished an unbeaten summer with seven wins in eight Tests.

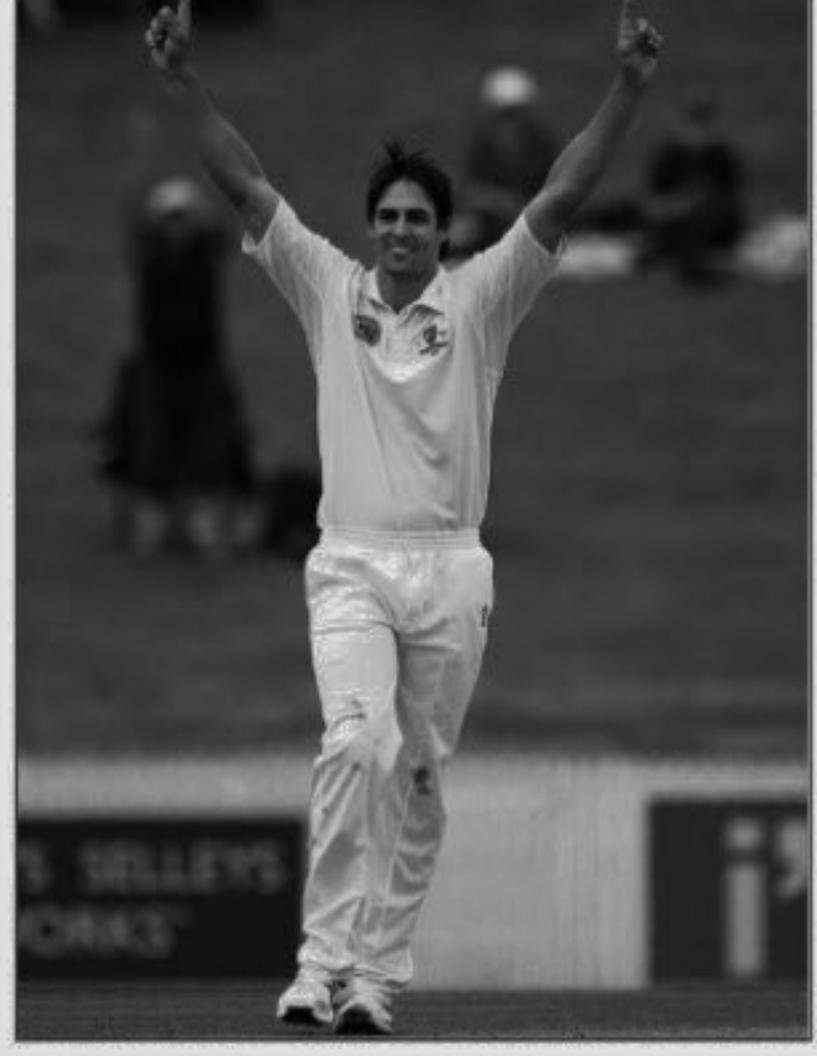
The hosts started well through Martin Gupthill and Brendon McCullum, who combined for 87, but they could not push on after their half-centuries and the game was lost following some late heavy hitting from Tim Southee. Southee blasted 45 from 25 balls, with seven fours and a six, and was the last-man out when he found Michael Clarke at deep point off Johnson.

McCullum was the biggest hope of a big score and he mixed attacking patches with periods of defence in his 51. After being hit on the hand by Johnson in the second over of the day, he waited and gained some revenge when he struck the bowler for three consecutive fours. The first was a streaky edge, but a crisp shot

through point and a flashing drive through cover ensured some points for the batsman.

Simon Katich dropped McCullum twice, at short leg on 30 and short cover on 43, but the mistakes were wiped out when Bollinger took the new ball. Bollinger pushed McCullum on to the back foot and he squirted an edge to Michael Hussey in the gully.

Australia remained focused despite



10-STAR JOHNSON: Australia pacer Mitchell Johnson celebrates after taking one of the six New Zealand wickets in the second innings on the fifth day of the second and final Test in Hamilton yesterday.

the early delays and after McCullum's boundary burst Johnson and Hauritz delivered six consecutive maidens. Gupthill was also determined and wanted to bat through the innings, but his resistance ended on 58 when he slashed at Johnson and Ricky Ponting collected a sharp take to his left at second slip. Gupthill had eased a drive through mid-on for four off Bollinger and he later brought up his half-century with a boundary from a push through cover off the same bowler.

Bollinger added his second wicket with Jeetan Patel's edge to Marcus North at third slip before Southee helped inflate his figures to 2 for 87 off 16 overs. Southee pulled a six to start a Bollinger over that went for 12 and slogged four boundaries in a row in his next effort, which cost 17. It allowed New Zealand some smiles at the end of a difficult series.

SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA: First innings 231 all out (Katich 88, Clarke 28; Vettori 4-36, Southee 4-61) NEW ZEALAND: First innings 264 all out (Taylor 138, Watling 46; Johnson 4-59, Harris 3-50, Bollinger 3-57) AUSTRALIA: Second innings 511 for 8 (Watson 65, Katich 106, Hussey 67, Clarke 63, North 90, Haddin 48, Hauritz 41 not out; Southee 2-74, Arnel 3-77) NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 302 all out (Taylor 22, Watling 24; Sinclair 29, Vettori 22, Gupthill 58, McCullum 51, Southee 45; Johnson 6-73, Bollinger 2-87) Result: Australia won by 176 runs and clinched two-Test series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: Mitchell Johnson.

Berdych fells Federer

Tennis

AFP, Miami

World No. 1 and top seed Roger Federer was sent crashing out of the ATP and WTA Masters tournament dropping a 6-4, 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (8/6) fourth round marathon contest to Czech Tomas Berdych.

Federer struggled to find his form on Tuesday in an almost three hour match in front of a record crowd of 12,084 on the hardcourts at Crandon Park.

"I fought as much as I could," Federer said. "My game has issues at the moment. I'm definitely lacking timing. I don't know where that comes from."

The reigning Australian Open champion suffered just his second loss to Berdych in 10 career meetings.

Berdych, the 16th seed, saved one match point in a third set tiebreaker. He hammered six aces and won 67 percent of his first service points to snap an eight match losing streak to the Swiss superstar.

"The feeling is great," the Czech said. "I'm really extremely happy, you know. With Roger, you have to be always 100 percent ready. He's fighting until the last point."

Six-time Grand Slam champ Rafael Nadal and American Andy Roddick were two of eight seeded players to advance to the quarterfinals Tuesday.

Nadal, who is playing in just his fourth tournament of the season, outlasted fellow Spaniard David Ferrer 7-6 (7/5), 6-4.

Federer, who has 16 Grand Slam titles, was also knocked out in the third round of his last tournament two weeks ago at Indian Wells and had to withdraw from the Dubai event last month with a lung infection.

Berdych reached his fifth quarterfinal of the season and now has a 15-7 record this season.

He lost to Nadal in the quarters at Indian Wells and made the semis at Brisbane before being eliminated by Roddick.

Just five of the top ten and two of the top five seeds remain in the draw as the only two

unseeded players were eliminated on Tuesday.

Nadal won the first set in a tiebreak then raced out to a 3-0 lead in the second before Ferrer rallied in the one hour, 57 minute match.

Nadal, who is an impressive 15-3 this year, is coming off a semifinal finish and a doubles title at Indian Wells two weeks ago. It was his first tournament since retiring in the quarters of the Aussie Open because of a right knee injury.

Nadal next faces Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, against whom he owns a 4-1 lead in their head-to-head series.

But Tsonga recorded an impressive win over Nadal in the 2008 Australian Open semifinals. The winner of the Nadal-Tsonga match will play the winner of the Andy Roddick-Nicolas Almagro quarterfinal.

Former champion Roddick continued his mastery over Benjamin Becker by beating the unseeded German 7-6 (6/4), 6-3.

Roddick, who is seeking his first win here since 2004, improved to 23-4 this year and advanced to his seventh quarterfinal in 11 previous appearances in the event.

Also, in the men's fourth round, American Ardy Fish -- who knocked out Andy Murray in the second round -- retired with a back injury trailing Mikhail Youzhny 6-1, 1-0.

Roland Garros finalist Robin Soderling reached the Miami quarterfinals for the first time with a 6-0, 6-7 (7/3), 6-2 win over Chilean Fernando Gonzalez.

Eighth seeded Tsonga beat No. 12 Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-2, 6-2, and Nicolas Almagro eliminated Thomaz Bellucci 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7/3).

In women's play, Venus Williams, who is the oldest women's quarterfinalist at 29, beat Agnieszka Radwanska 6-3, 6-1 to advance to the semis.

Third seeded Venus has won 14 matches in a row, and two more would give her three straight tournament titles for the first time since 2002.

She hammered eight aces and lost only five points on her first serve. She struggled with her backhand but won 15 of 19 net points to reach the semis where she will face France's Marion Bartoli who beat Yanina Wickmayer 6-4, 7-5.

SL pick rookie Chandimal for World T20

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka on Wednesday picked uncapped batsman Dinesh Chandimal for next month's World Twenty20 tournament to be played in the Caribbean.

The 20-year-old, who also doubles up as a wicketkeeper, impressed the selectors with a string of big scores in domestic Twenty20 competitions.

Chandimal is the only player without international experience in the 15-man squad led by batsman-wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara, with spin veteran Muttiah Muralidran as the vice-captain.

The squad also includes veteran batsman Sanath Jayasuriya, who turns 41 in June.

Sri Lanka, who lost to Pakistan in the final of the World Twenty20 in England last year, are drawn with New Zealand and Zimbabwe in Group B of the preliminary league.

Two teams from each of the four groups will advance to the Super Eight round.

Sri Lanka and New Zealand will clash in the opening match of the 12-nation tournament in Providence, Guyana, on April 30.

The final will be played in Barbados on May 16.

SQUAD

Kumar Sangakkara (captain), Muttiah Muralidaran, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Mahela Jayawardene, Dinesh Chandimal, Angelo Mathews, Thissara Perera, Nuwan Kulasekera, Suraj Randiv, Ajantha Mendis, Lasith Malinga, Chanaka Welagedara, Chamara Kapugedara, Sanath Jayasuriya, Chinthaka Jayasinghe.

Real test

FROM PAGE 17 will take some from Under-19 team and some new prospects," said Rafiqul.

"On the other hand the left out cricketers of the national team will definitely be considered for the A team," he concluded.

WORLD TWENTY20 Smith in for Proteas

AFP, Johannesburg

Graeme Smith will be fit to lead South Africa in the ICC World Twenty20 tournament in the West Indies next month, but left-arm fast bowler Wayne Parnell was not included in the South African squad announced on Wednesday.

Smith suffered a broken finger while playing for the Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League while Parnell had to return home without playing a game for the Delhi Daredevils because of a groin injury.

Parnell, then aged 19, was one of the stars of the 2009 World Twenty20 in England, taking nine wickets at an average of 13.22 as South Africa reached the semifinals before losing to eventual winners Pakistan.

His feats earned him a 610,000-dollar contract with the Daredevils.

Big-hitting all-rounder Justin Kemp was also ruled out after being injured in the IPL. He hurt his back while playing for the Chennai Super Kings.

The South African squad includes one uncapped player in swing bowler Juan 'Rusty' Theron, who has impressed with his bowling in the "death" overs for the Warriors.

"Rusty Theron has impressed everybody with his skills and his temperament both in domestic cricket and in the Indian Premier League. He was a key player for the Warriors in doing the domestic limited overs double," said coach Corrie van Zyl.

With both Parnell and Kemp not considered, all-rounder Rory Kleinveldt, who was not in an 18-man short list named recently, won a sur-

prise call-up.

Hard-hitting batsman Lungile 'Loots' Bosman and swing bowler Charl Langeveldt, who were not available for the 2009 event, were also included.

South Africa will play warm-up matches in Barbados against Sri Lanka on April 27 and England on April 28 before starting the tournament proper with a match against India in St Lucia on May 2.

WORLD TWENTY20

Kieswetter, Lumb in Eng squad

CRICINFO, undated

Uncapped Hampshire batsman Michael Lumb has been named in England's 15-man squad for the World Twenty20 in the Caribbean next month, while Craig Kieswetter has been named as the sole wicketkeeper in the party, ahead of the current Test and ODI incumbent, Matt Prior.

There is also a recall for Ravi Bopara, who has not featured for England since last summer's Ashes but has been starring for Kings XI Punjab in the IPL, as well as the Sussex and former England Lions captain, Michael Yardy, whose slow-left arm spin and innovative middle-order batting could well find a role on the slug-

gish Caribbean surfaces.

Kieswetter's inclusion in the squad was telegraphed by his hasty inclusion for England's recent tour of Bangladesh, on the strength of a matchwinning half-century for England Lions against the senior side in Abu Dhabi back in February. He went on score a maiden ODI hundred in his third appearance for England at Chittagong.

Lumb, meanwhile, has been gaining valuable experience of Twenty20 cricket with Rajasthan Royals in the IPL, and he could well challenge Bopara as Kieswetter's likely opening partner.

England's seam attack will be led by the fit-again James Anderson and Stuart Broad, with Tim Bresnan a probable inclusion in the starting XI following an impressive winter. Ajmal Shahzad and

Ryan Sidebottom complete the pace department, with Sidebottom's inclusion something of a surprise following an injury-ravaged winter.

Jonathan Troit and Joe Denly, who opened the batting for England in their last Twenty20 international, against Pakistan in Dubai last month, have both been omitted. England are drawn in Group D alongside West Indies and Ireland, and their first match against the hosts will be in Guyana on May 3.

SQUAD

Paul Collingwood (captain), James Anderson, Ravi Bopara, Tim Bresnan, Stuart Broad, Craig Kieswetter, Michael Lumb, Eoin Morgan, Kevin Pietersen, Ajmal Shahzad, Ryan Sidebottom, Graeme Swann, James Tredwell, Luke Wright, Michael Yardy.



Scene from yesterday's Citycell Dhaka Metropolitan School Football Championship match between Green Herald International School and Summerfield International School at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi yesterday.

Seniors reign

FROM PAGE 17 20th minute and then made it 3-0 in the 49th minute despite facing a stiff challenge from Mariners, whose striker Mainul Islam pulled a goal back through a fine reverse-hit in the 52nd minute.

Seven minutes later, Labu Nahid Chowdhury struck the fourth goal for Abahani and again Mainul reduced the margin for Mariners striking his second goal in the 63rd minute. Niloy however sealed the game two minutes from time scoring his second goal.

The beauty of the game, however, was a bit tarnished due to the unnecessary protest of the umpires' decisions by Abahani captain Asaduzzaman Chandan.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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