



Five-time French Open winner Rafael Nadal of Spain poses with the characters of the animation movie The Incredibles at the Disneyland in Chessy Marne-la-Vallee near Paris on Monday.

Tendulkar rested India name Asia Cup squad

Left-hander Yuvraj was axed after scoring just 74 runs in five matches in the World Twenty20 in the Caribbean in April-May, where India failed to make the semifinals. In five one-day internationals this year, Yuvraj has managed only 96 runs, 74 of them coming in one match against Sri Lanka in Dhaka. Six players who were rested for the Zimbabwe tri-series -- Dhoni, Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan and Ashish Nehra -- are back for the Asia Cup. The second-string Indian team did not qualify for the final in Zimbabwe after losing twice to the hosts and once to Sri Lanka. Attacking left-hand batsman Saurabh Tiwary, 20, who plays for Mumbai Indians in the IPL, is the only new face in the squad. TEAM Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Virat Kohli, Suresh Raina, Rohit Sharma, Ravindra Jadeja, Harbhajan Singh, Praveen Kumar, Zaheer Khan, Ashish Nehra, Pragyan Ojha, Ashok Dinda, Ravichandran Ashwin, Saurabh Tiwary.

Jamie warns Eng bowlers

Bangladesh coach Jamie Siddons warned England's bowlers "it doesn't swing, it doesn't seam in Australia" ahead of their Ashes defence 'Down Under' later this year. England, in overcast conditions and with the ball swinging spitefully, skittled out Bangladesh, following on, for just 123 inside 35 overs as they won the second Test by an innings and 80 runs inside three days at Old Trafford here on Sunday. That gave England a 2-0 series win after they beat Bangladesh by eight wickets in the first Test at Lord's. But no-one, least of all England, are kidding themselves that a series win over Bangladesh represents any kind of guide to their Ashes chances. England may hold the Ashes after a 2-1 win at home last year but it is 23 years since they last won a Test series in Australia. Even against Bangladesh, there were times when England struggled to take wickets with the old ball on a flat pitch when the sun was out. Siddons, a prolific run-scorer in the Sheffield Shield but uncapped by his native Australia at Test level, said England's attack would need to find a way of coping with local conditions. "They are obviously good enough to win, they have just beaten Australia," Siddons told reporters at Old Trafford. "But I made a throwaway comment that it 'doesn't swing, it doesn't seam in Australia' and it certainly won't swing like that." Steven Finn, already being touted as an Ashes prospect, marked only his second Test in England with a return of five wickets and 42 runs here on Sunday and Siddons said the lanky paceman - Finn is 6ft 8in tall - had what it took to succeed in Australia. "Maybe the new ball will swing for four or five overs, so you need to be like Finn and put it in good areas and maybe get it up a bit fuller because short stuff isn't going to worry Australia. "They (England) are good enough definitely, they have the batsmen to make enough runs and a good off-spinner (Graeme Swann) for days four and five." Former England captain Michael Vaughan wants current skipper Andrew Strauss to deploy a five-man attack in Australia, even though the side's present preference is for six batsmen and four bowlers. But Siddons said: "I'm not sure about the composition of their team, you have to make enough runs to give your bowlers a chance. It's a balancing act, like in Test cricket here (in England). "Each wicket in Australia is different; Adelaide will spin a lot more and take it earlier, Brisbane probably won't take any (spin) at all until the last day or two." England now face oldest foes Australia in a five-match one-day series at home starting in Southampton on June 22, having beaten them in last month's World Twenty20 final in Barbados.

Tangail

FROM PAGE 17 finals in Brazil following the swine-flu epidemic across the country and this time they will hold two separate finals in Johannesburg for the first time outside France. Tangail is the third district team from Bangladesh to qualify for the 45-team finals as Chittagong had first qualified for the eighth edition in 2007. Back to the day's match, Shuvo found the back of the Jhalakathi net with a deflection off opponent defender Tapash and then fired home the second capitalising on a cross from Rabiul Islam, who was also provider of the third goal. Biswanath headed a Rabiul corner home in the second half to confirm the Johannesburg ticket. Comilla finished third beating Thakurgaon 4-3 in tiebreaker after the regulation time ended in 1-1.

Kaneria free to play

gesting the ECB had moved to suspend both players on the mistaken belief that they had been charged but Andrew Walpole, the ECB media manager, confirmed instead that both players would be available to play. "The inquiry is going on and there is no case of Kaneria's registration with Essex being suspended or him being suspended from playing county cricket," Walpole told Pakistan's Geo Super channel. "The inquiry is a matter for Essex and being carried out by them and not the ECB. As far as playing for Pakistan is concerned that is not the area for the ECB, it's the concern of the ICC."

Nadal back on top

Spaniard Rafael Nadal overtook Swiss Roger Federer to move into the top spot in the latest ATP rankings released on Monday. The day after defeating Robin Soderling 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 in the Roland Garros final, Nadal reclaimed the number one spot he last held from August 25, 2008 to June 22, 2009. 1. Nadal (ESP) 8700 pts (+1) 2. Federer (SUI) 8390 (-1) 3. Djokovic (SRB) 6675 4. Murray (GBR) 5385 5. Davydenko (RUS) 4785 6. Soderling (SWE) 4755 (+1) 7. Roddick (USA) 4510 (+1) 8. Del Potro (ARG) 4395 (-2) 9. Verdasco (ESP) 3645 10. Tsonga (FRA) 3185

Spanish media hail king

AFP, Madrid The Spanish press on Monday hailed the return of Rafael Nadal, who regained the French Open crown to secure his fifth title on the Paris clay and reclaim his spot atop the men's world rankings. The Spaniard saw off Robin Soderling 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 in the Roland Garros final on Sunday to avenge his fourth-round defeat against the same player in 2009, his first and only career loss at the event. Nadal "reigns once again on the Paris clay and over world tennis," headlined the daily El Pais, under a photo of the champion stretched out on the clay of the Philippe Chatrier court just after his victory. "The match reflected the tournament during which Nadal didn't lose a set," and regained the number one spot from Roger Federer, the newspaper continued. Nadal "back on his throne," headlined the daily El Mundo. "One year on, in front of a public more generous than ever, the Spaniard returns to the summit," the newspaper continued. For ABC, Nadal "reconquers Paris after a year of agony." "Only Nadal himself and his entourage believed in his recovery," the newspaper added, referring to a year blighted by injury and personal setbacks for the 24-year-old star. Sports dailies AS and Marca, who rarely give over the front page to anything other than football, made an exception for the Grand Slam winner. For AS, "Paris pays homage to the master of clay," while Marca asserted that Nadal "is still the King". Catalan sports daily Mundo Deportivo warned that "the great Nadal is back". "He gave an exhibition in tennis against Soderling," the newspaper added.

Zimbabwe beat SL

AFP, Harare Zimbabwe beat Sri Lanka by eight wickets in the last tri-nations match of a series also involving India at Harare Sports Club here on Monday. SRI LANKA: 236 all out in 47.5 overs (Tharanga 69, Dilshan 78, Samaraweera 16, Thirimanne 15; Mpofo 2-32, Utseya 2-41) ZIMBABWE: 240 for 2 in 47.5 overs (Taylor 119 not out, Chibhabha 58, Taibu 42 not out) Result: Zimbabwe won by 8 wickets. Man-of-the-match: Brendan Taylor.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

FROM PAGE 17 (RCC) will set up multimedia devices at 34 points in the northern city. Giant screens will be set up at all 30 wards while other screens will be set up at four important points in the heart of the city, said RCC Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton at a press conference for presentation of the proposed 2010-11 fiscal budget at the Nagar Bhaban yesterday. "The World Cup has created a positive enthusiasm among people across the country, especially youths. We want to be a part of emotions of the millions," said the mayor.

Tigers may

FROM PAGE 17 tournament for last two weeks. "The performance in the second Test was frustrating, but it can happen for an improving side like Bangladesh. There is nothing to be worried about the outcome because I believe the boys will come back strongly in the Asia Cup," Rafiqul hoped. All matches of the day-night tournament will be held at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium. On June 16, Bangladesh will start their campaign against India and then face off with hosts Sri Lanka on June 18. Bangladesh will play their last league match against Pakistan on June 21. In the other matches, bitter rivals India and Pakistan face off on June 19 and Sri Lanka meet India on June 22. The final is slated for June 24.

Strauss keen to lead ODI side

AFP, Manchester Test captain Andrew Strauss has insisted he'll have no qualms about leading out England's one-day team in their upcoming five-match series at home to world champions Australia. The South Africa-born Strauss missed England's win in last month's World Twenty20 final in Barbados over their oldest cricket rivals because, like Australia counterpart Ricky Ponting, he has opted out of the sport's shortest format. And there have been suggestions the South Africa born duo of Michael Lumb and Craig Kieswetter, who opened the innings to good effect in the Caribbean, be allowed to continue their partnership in 50-over cricket. But since replacing another South African-born batsman Kevin Pietersen as captain in the West Indies last year, left-hander Strauss has scored 647 runs in 21 one-day internationals at a respectable average of 32.35 with one hundred and four fifties. Paul Collingwood, currently sidelined with a shoulder injury that saw him miss England's 2-0 Test series win over Bangladesh, wrapped up with an innings and 80 runs victory at Old Trafford here on Sunday, was the victorious captain in the World Twenty20 final against Australia. But Strauss was adamant he foresaw no problems in either leading a team containing Collingwood or in playing 50-over cricket, insisting he was "absolutely" determined to captain England at next year's World Cup in Asia. "The Twenty20" team has obviously moved on," Strauss told reporters here at Old Trafford after England had beaten Bangladesh. "We have made some quite significant changes and improvements in the 50-over game over the last nine months or so. "Clearly we will have the likes of Paul Collingwood back, which is going to be a massive addition to the squad. I am excited about having him back." England's selectors are due to announce the squad for the one-day series with Australia on Thursday.

Siddons

FROM PAGE 17 England for a three-match one-day series next month. After that it could be some time before Bangladesh are back in England with no Test series yet earmarked in the next decade of the future tours programme. Siddons added: "We've got some improvements to make. I'd hate to come back here and put that performance up next year."

WC on BTV

FROM PAGE 17 two most popular teams in our country, will be telecast live. The opening and closing ceremonies are also expected to be telecast. Apart from these, a 25-minute highlights from the day's matches will be telecast also. It has been learnt that the primetime news, News At Eight, may be brought forward for uninterrupted telecast.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Beware

FROM PAGE 17 Mexico (June 11), and former champions Uruguay (June 16) and France (June 22). The study found that it was not only trumpets, drums and horns that can hurt your ears, two excited supporters cheering a goal on either side of you can produce 121.6 decibels, also drowning out a chainsaw at just 100 decibels.

Argentina

FROM PAGE 17 media, also out in great numbers, helped release the pressure on the squad. "Obviously, Diego decompresses the situation...[His fame] is also a motivation and we enjoy that. We are very happy to have him as our trainer." The squad were in full at the practice, striker Diego Milito having recovered from a twisted ankle on Thursday and defender Ariel Garce from a knee problem. Maradona organized a 40-minute game on a shortened pitch with his first choice attackers facing a majority of the defenders likely to play on Saturday. There was not too much worth reading into the line-ups though with Messi, Carlos Tevez, Gonzalo Higuain and Milito all on the same side and Maradona set to pick three of them at most.

The sky is Azzurri

FROM PAGE 17 with Brazil's opener -- his 15th on the greatest of stages. Spain again flattered to deceive in taking the lead against the French before Franck Ribery, Patrick Vieira and Zinedine Zidane, who suddenly looked back to his untouchable best, all scored. A burst of French follow in the quarterfinals where Brazil's previously vaunted quartet of Kaka, Ronaldinho, Ronaldo and Adriano proved their lack of cohesion as an attacking unit as France dominated proceedings. Thierry Henry scored the sole goal from a Zidane assist to end the hopes of the holders, for whom Ronaldinho especially had disappointed. France's next opponents would be the Portuguese, who won a dour encounter on penalties with the English that will be remembered for the actions of two Manchester United players. A still half-fit Rooney exploded, after being bereft of support in a lone attacking role, and targeted Ricardo Carvalho, the Chelsea player involved in the tackle that had broken his foot in the first place. When Cristiano Ronaldo urged the Argentine referee to send off his club-mate, there followed a flashpoint between the pair that dominated UK headlines for weeks, tabloid ire further augmented by a wink from Ronaldo towards the Portuguese bench. It didn't help that a grinning and clearly highly confident Ronaldo stepped up to convert the decisive flop-kick. England departed, unlamented by only their die-hards, with only Owen Hargreaves in any way enhancing his reputation. Eriksson was soon gone. So too were Argentina, suffering another premature knockout-stage exit. They had led Germany in Berlin through a Roberto Ayala goal before coach Jose Pekerman committed the error of taking off playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme to rest him for the next round. Miroslav Klose equalised to push matters into extra-time and penalties, where the Germans inevitably won out, this time by virtue of some handy written notes on each penalty taker that goalkeeper Jens Lehmann was seen revising before each Argentine attempt.

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