Stadium in Barcelona on Friday.

French sensation Christophe Lemaitre

completed the sprint double at the

European Championships on Friday by

powering to victory in the 200 metres just

already under his belt, the 200m had

appeared the easier event for the 20-year-

Norway was his closest rival, but British

veteran Christian Malcom had a special

run, leading right up to the line and fin-

ishing just a 100th of a second behind

It had looked as though the Frenchman

"It was a very tight race. My start was

was too far behind but he stormed to the

not as good as I hoped and I had doubts in

the middle of the race so I just tried to pick

up well in the final metres," said Lemaitre,

the 400m in a season-best time of 45.08,

with British pair Michael Bingham and

Zealand's Alan Isaac as the next vice-president

of the world governing body after former

Australian Prime Minister John Howard was

on Friday nominated by Australia and New

Zealand for VP, a post that will see him take over

as president of the International Cricket

Isaac, who heads New Zealand Cricket, was

India to back Isaac

India's cricket chiefs Saturday endorsed New declined to disclose why Howard's bid had

finish line to catch the tiring Malcolm.

who clocked 20.37sec.

Cricket

snubbed for the job.

Council in mid-2012.

AFP, New Delhi

old, who has shown no fear in Barcelona.

With success in the shorter distance

On paper Jaysuma Saidy Ndure of

two days after his 100m triumph.

AFP, Barcelona

Lemaitre.

looking at the same image.

Sachin rested for tri-series

CRICINFO

Gambhir and Harbhajan Singh have all been rested for the tri-series against Sri Lanka and New Zealand that kicks off on August 10. Yuvraj Singh makes a return to the 15-man squad after being dropped for the Asia Cup, the first time he had been omitted since cementing his place.

Khan remains sidelined due to the shoulder injury which kept him out of the Tests against Sri Lanka. Ishant Sharma, out of favour when it comes to limited-overs sides after a prolonged fallow period, takes Zaheer's place and gets in line to play his first one-dayer this

made his Test debut against Sri Lanka, returns to the one-day squad in place of Bengal quick bowler Ashok Dinda. Offspinner R Ashwin and Jharkhand batsman Saurabh Tiwary, who were both in India's victorious Asia Cup

Australia, along with with Manish Pandey, to replace Ashwin and Tiwary in the the Emerging Players tourna-

Dinesh Karthik, who flew in

The series which also

Virender Sehwag, Virat Kohli, Suresh Raina, Rohit Sharma, Yuvraj Singh, Ravindra Jadeja, Dinesh Karthik, R Ashwin, Praveen Kumar, Ishant Sharma, Abhimanyu Mithun, Ashish Nehra, Pragyan Ojha, Saurabh Tiwary.

Lennon hopes for inspiration

hopes his side's gutsy fightback to earn a 2-2 draw against Lyon in the Emirates Cup will prove his players with the inspiration for a great escape in the Champions League.

from two goals down thanks to late strikes from Gary Hooper and Georgios Samaras in the pre-season tournament a Arsenal's Emirates Stadium on Saturday.

overturn an even greater deficit when they face Braga in the Champions League third qualifying round second leg at Parkhead on Wednesday.

being thrashed in Portugal in midweek and Lennon said: "We've got to take a lot of positives from this performance, the chances we created,

the way we pressed well. "They know now they can play against top players and compete well. I know it was a pre-season game but it's a

positive sign. "I think they will get confidence from the performance

nevermind the comeback. "We kept going with a lot of

young kids out there. I was thrilled with them.' The only downside for

Lennon was an injury to captain Scott Brown, who limped off after taking a knock on his foot, but the Celtic boss hopes his midfield dynamo will be back to face Braga.

"Scott Brown got a bang on the foot. We'll just have to see howitis on Sunday," he said.

Lyon coach Claude Puel was impressed with his side's fluent play but conceded the gloss had been taken off their performance by Celtic's late goals.

Gul makes

FROM PAGE 17 Finn saw him to a maiden Test

fifty off just 40 balls with two sixes and eight fours. And in Finn's second over,

Gul casually pulled him for two successive sixes. But Morgan ended the

innings by running out nonstriker Asif with a direct hit from cover.

Swing bowler Anderson, who took five wickets on his 28th birthday on Friday, finished with five for 54 in 22

overs. BRIEF SCORES ENGLAND: 354 & 120-6 (Trott

26; Gul 3-27). PAKISTAN: First innings 182 all out (Gul 65; Anderson 5-

65).

Sachin Tendulkar, Gautam

Pace spearhead Zaheer

Abhimanyu Mithun, who team, also find a place.

Dinda will now head to Indian team participating in

as Virender Sehwag's replacement midway through the Asia Cup before turning in a Man-of-the-Match performance in the final, keeps his spot and is likely to open the innings with Sehwag.

involves Sri Lanka and New Zealand has a league phase in which each team plays the other twice before the top two advance to final on August 28.

SQUAD MS Dhoni (capt & wk),

> Malcolm added: "I didn't see Lemaitre and I didn't even hear him come. I didn't dip for the line because I really thought I had got it. Still, I am happy with the silver." Belgium's Kevin Borlee took gold in

AFP, London

Celtic manager Neil Lennon

Lennon's team recovered

But the Scottish club need to

The working committee of the Indian The Hoops trail 3-0 after cricket board (BCCI), which met in Mumbai on Saturday, decided to back Isaac for the post that is rotated among the ICC's Test-playing

"The committee approved the candidature of Alan Isaac, Chairman, New Zealand Cricket, for the post of ICC vice-president," the BCCI said in a one-line statement.

Isaac, whose nomination is expected to be rubber-stamped by the ICC's executive board soon, will serve as vice-president for two years before taking over from current president Sharad Pawar of India.

Isaac, a chartered accountant by profession, has been on the board of New Zealand Cricket for 20 years and became its chairman in 2008.

The ICC had on July 1 rejected the candida-

Frenchman Christophe Lemaitre (C) runs to win the men's 200m final at the 2010 European Athletics Championships at the Olympic Lemaitre's lovely double

Martyn Rooney taking silver and bronze Athletics

respectively. There was a Russian clean sweep in the women's 400m final, with Tatyana Firova coming first in 49.89, the fastest time in Europe this season.

The Russians have an embarrassment of riches at this distance and Kseniya Ustalova, who had the previous fastest time, took silver with a personal best. World bronze medallist Antonina Krivoshapka came third.

Britain's Andy Turner took advantage of a stumble from the fastest European this year, Czech Petr Svoboda, to win the 110m hurdles. Turner came through with a season's

best time of 13.28sec to earn gold, while

Garfield Darien, of France, and Daniel Kiss of Hungary, took silver and bronze respectively. Russian Mariya Savinova landed her first major outdoor title as she cruised to

victory in the women's 800m final. Having registered the fastest time in the world this season, Savinova came into the competition as the star performer and she

won gold with a time of 1 min 58.22 sec. The Netherlands' Yvonne Hak, who has come to the fore this year, took silver and bronze went to Jennifer Meadows.

In what was built up as a battle between Spain and Britain in the men's 1,500m, it was the host country that came out on top with double medal winners.

man by August 31.

Zealand and England.

tampering allegations.

Zimbabwe.

ture of Howard -- following a reported revolt by

the Afro-Asian bloc in the ICC -- and asked

Australia and New Zealand to nominate a new

failed, but reports suggested the former PM

enjoyed the support of only Australia, New

backed by the ICC's seven other full members --

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, South

Australian Prime Minister from 1996 to 2007,

was believed to stem from his zealous opposi-

tion to Robert Mugabe's government in

Asian cricket bloc in 2004 by labelling Sri

Lankan legend Muttiah Muralitharan a "chuck-

Australian umpire Darrell Hair, who outraged

Pakistan by halting a Test match and awarding

victory to England during a protest over ball-

Howard's appointment because he had no

Several Test nations also objected to

Cricket Australia on Friday declined to name

er," or someone with an illegal bowling action.

He also incurred the wrath of the powerful

In 2006, Howard strongly supported

Africa, Zimbabwe and the West Indies.

Howard's candidature was reportedly not

The rejection of Howard, who was

ICC chief executive Haroon Lorgat had

Gold went to Arturo Casado and Manuel Olmedo took bronze, while Carsten Schlangen won silver. Britain's best-placed finisher was Andy Baddeley down in sixth.

norway

In-form Russian Natalya Antyukh set a new championship record in the women's 400m hurdles as she stormed home in a time of 52.92. Vania Stambolova took silver and Britain's Perri Shakes-Drayton won bronze with a personal best.

Russian Svetlana Feofanova leapt to a height of 4.75m to take gold in the women's pole vault.

In the absence of her compatriot Yelena Isinbayeva, Feofanova was the athlete to beat and she was the worthy winner. In silver came Germany's Silke Spiegelburg and Lisa Ryzih took bronze.

The ever-consistent Betty Heidler, of Germany, who took silver at the world championships, won gold in the hammer.

Silver went to defending champion Tatyana Lysenko, of Russia, and Poland's AnitaWlodarczyk claimed bronze.

The stage was set for Spain's Marta Dominguez, the world champion at the 3,000m steeple chase, and favourite in Barcelona to take gold on home soil but it was not to be.

She was involved in a battle to the end with Yuliya Zarudneva but the Russian, who took silver in the world championships, got revenge with first place. Fellow Russian Lyubov Kharlamova took bronze.

Brawl stops friendly in Italy

REUTERS, Milan

Catania's match with Greek side Iraklis was abandoned because of players fighting, the second preseason friendly involving a Serie A club to be halted because of violence in two days.

The referee suspended Friday's game in northern Italy after 70 minutes following a succession of bad fouls and scuffles, Catania said in a state-

The Sicilians were leading

Cagliari's friendly with Corsican rivals Bastia in Sardinia on Wednesday was also abandoned after 75 minutes for the same reason.

Full scale brawls are fairly uncommon in Italian league soccer but when tensions do boil over players often go to extremes.

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Pakistan captain Salman Butt defended his side doing without the controversial Umpires

Butt's UDRS doubt

In previous series, fans at the game have often been kept in the dark. "If the batsman knows he has hit the ball

there's no point taking a chance because if it's up there on the big screen it's pretty embarrassing, opening batsman Butt added. "I think it was very honest of Azhar Ali, good

sportsmanship. He edged it and he walked straight away.' Butt said he'd been alerted to what he believed

to be a deficiency in Hotspot during Pakistan's 3-0 series loss in Australia earlier this year.

"In January we played Australia in Hobart and it twice happened to Michael Clarke. We heard a big noise and the Snicko showed there was noise as well when the ball crossed the bat but there was nothing on the Hotspot.

"Every bat brand has a side-sticker (on the edge). It shows some time and it doesn't show. That means it's something to do with the stickers, The Snicko device, which tries to detect whether

a batsman has edged the ball on the basis of sound waves, is not being used as a decision-making tool in this four-Test series because officials say it takes too long to provide a definitive conclusion. But it was Hawkeye that was in Butt's sights. "Hawkeye is not a hundred percent trustworthy,"

the 25-year-old insisted. "Every meeting we have with the officials, they say it's not a hundred percent." Anderson, who exploited the swing friendly conditions to finish with five wickets for 49 runs from 20 overs on Friday, said of DRS: "It's trickier

than it seems, and something we're having to get used to.' Pakistan will resume on 147 for nine in reply to England's first innings 354, a deficit of 207 runs,

But Umar Gul's 30 not out took them to within just eight runs of avoiding the follow-on, albeit with only the one wicket standing, when bad light forced an early close on Friday.

Murray makes LA history

Tennis

Cricket

ets for James Anderson.

is used to detect thin edges.

a mark," Butt told reporters.

to make contact.

innings.

Decision Review System (UDRS), during a batting

collapse in the first Test against England, by saying

the technology on offer was "not a hundred per-

saw them decline to 47 for six on the second day at

Trent Bridge here on Friday when Azhar Ali was

given out caught behind for 14 in one of five wick-

However, some replays indicated he had failed

Under DRS, both sides are allowed two unsuc-

cessful challenges before they are barred from

requesting a referral for the remainder of an

But, in order not to delay the game, they must

It appeared from a distance the inexperienced

make it clear within a matter of seconds of the

umpire's original verdict whether they wish to call

Ali, in only his third Test, decided against a referral

that might have gone in his favour after consulting

non-striker and fellow novice batsman Umar

the case and questioned the accuracy of both the

Hawkeye ball-tracking system and the Hotspot

device, akin to a thermal imaging camera, which

and neither is Hotspot. When the ball hits the

sticker on the side (edge of the bat) it doesn't leave

A further complicating factor in this match is

that spectators in the ground are seeing a replay

on a giant screen at the same time as the third

umpire is coming to his decision on the basis of

Butt, speaking after stumps, said that wasn't

"This technology, Hawkeye is not 100 percent

The tourists were in the midst of a slump that

AFP, Nottingham

AFP, Los Angeles

Top seeded Andy Murray, who is looking for his first ATP title of the year, beat Alejandro Falla 7-6 (7/3), 6-1 in the quarterfinals of the 600,000 dollar Farmers Classic on Friday.

Murray advances to the semi-finals where he will face Spanish fourth seed Feliciano Lopez who beat struggling American James Blake 3-6, 7-6 (8/6), 6-4.

This was the second match for the 23-year-old Murray since sacking his coach Miles Maclagan just four weeks before the start of the US

Murray says he likes the way his match preparation is at the moment and is in no rush to replace Maclagan. The Scot plans to continue to work a few months a year with former Spanish star Alex Corretja pending the appointment of a new coach.

"I don't have coaches now. Alex is doing 10-12 weeks a year with me. Between then I want to work with someone else.

"I have some people in mind but I may wait until the end of the season to get a new coach," he said.

Defending champion Sam Querrey also won Friday needing three sets to beat German veteran Rainer Schuettler 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (9/7).

campus of the University of San Jose (2007, 2006). He California Los Angeles. finished runner-up at Indian Wells last year. Murray, who took a late

on Saturday.

Querrey, who has won three wild card to get into the draw, is making his Los Angeles tournaments this season, debut. He is the first Brit to served well in the tiebreaker. reach the semis in the history He'll face sixth-seeded

Janko Tipsarevic in of the tournament. World No. 4 Murray has Saturday's semi-finals. The Serbian beat No. 3 Marcos enjoyed success in California in the past, winning twice in Baghdatis 6-3, 7-5.

Tennis superstar Venus Williams promotes her new book during the Farmers Classic at the Los Angeles Tennis Center on Friday.

BCCI rejects Delhi plea

FROM PAGE 17 without giving any reason.

said.

"The committee expressed its inability to agree to the request of the Commonwealth Games to be the lead partner by donating one billion rupees," a terse BCCI release

Sports Minister Manohar Singh Gill told parliament on Thursday the government was spending 2.46 billion dollars to conduct the Games, far above the estimate of 141 million dollars when the bid was made in 2003.

Kalmadi, who heads the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), had criticised the BCCI for scheduling a high-profile home series against Australia at the same time as the Games.

Australia will play two Tests and three one-day internationals in India between October 1 and 24, although no matches have been scheduled in New Delhi.

Cricket attracts a passionate following in India and organisers of the field hockey World Cup in New Delhi in March advanced the tournament by a week so that it

experience of cricket administration.

League. Kalmadi had also questioned BCCI's decision not to send the men's and women's cricket teams to the Asian Games in China in November, saying "they think only of money."

would not clash with the

popular Indian Premier

Inzy's offer

FROM PAGE 17 and temperament. They lack patience and get out after scoring 20 to 30 runs which is not good enough for test matches.

Inzamam believes Pakistan's biggest problem is that players have grown too accustomed to playing limited-overs cricket and find it difficult to adjust to test matches.

"Even a good batsman requires a year or so in test cricket to settle down and play long innings. I would advise the selectors to try out a combination of senior and young players. And they should use Younus and Yousuf," he

added.

Siddikur

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year and met him last week in Singapore. Training with him has really helped my game and that's one of the reasons I'm doing well," said Leong, whose best finish last season was a tied 18th place in Taiwan.

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