



Dutch Teun de Nooijer (C) runs with the ball while New Zealand's Bradley Shaw (L) and Steven Edwards follow him during their Champions Trophy encounter in Moenchengladbach on Tuesday. New Zealand won 3-1.

NZ's first against the Dutch

Hockey
AFP, Moenchengladbach

Netherlands applied pressure on New Zealand early in the second half, gained a penalty corner and a penalty stroke from New Zealand's defensive infringement.

Teun de Nooijer beat Blackstick keeper Kyle Pontifex with his flick low inside the right post.

Blair Hilton scored New Zealand's third goal a couple of minutes after de Nooijer's goal, finishing a strong movement into the circle by Phillip Burrows, taking a rebound off the pads of Jenniskins to push into goal.

Blacksticks coach Shane McLeod saw it as a momentous result.

"For us it is a very good result and it has been a long time coming to get our first win in the Champions Trophy for 32 years and to beat Holland for the first time in the Champions Trophy means a lot to our guys," McLeod said.

Netherlands coach Paul van Ass agreed his team played poorly.

"We started very poorly and we had no ball speed and no rhythm and that helped New Zealand a little bit but they did a fantastic job in our weakest moments which were the first fifteen minutes," van Ass said.

Australia's 3-2 win reversed the first round 3-2 loss to England at the March World Cup.

Simon Orchard deflected in Jamie Dwyer's drive from the top of the circle for

Australia's first goal.

Matthew Swann capped an interception in midfield, passed to Desmond Abbott to work into the circle and Swann took the back pass to score from close range into the right of goal in the middle of the first half.

Australia looked comfortable with the 2-0 lead and paid the price by conceding a penalty corner for England's Ashley Jackson to flick low inside the left post.

Luke Doerner converted Australia's third penalty corner chance, correcting a poor stop at the battery to pass right, received the ball back and make a simple flick into goal to give Australia a 3-1 lead at the break.

Jonty Clarke's individual goal in the last five minutes gave England some hope of a draw however Australia's defence held firm until the last second when the umpires called for a video referral as the final siren sounded.

Seven minutes later the umpires left the pitch, deciding not to order a last second penalty corner against Australia.

Australia coach Richard Charlesworth criticised Australia's performance.

"Our skill production was disappointing today and while the numbers are good of possession and penetrations into the circle, we did not have any finish," Charlesworth said.

HC stays arrest of Preity Zinta

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In a relief to actress Priety Zinta, one of the owners of IPL franchise Kings XI Punjab, the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday stayed the order of a lower court issuing bailable arrest warrant against her and two other co-owners for allegedly not filing its balance sheet and annual returns.

The order of the lower court, passed on July 24, was stayed by Justice Nirmaljit Kaur of the High Court till September 22.

The counsel for the petitioners contended that KPH Dreams, which owns Kings XI Punjab, had already initiated the process of moving before the Company Law Board seeking compounding of the offence (settlement of the case).

A local court had issued bailable warrants against IPL franchise Kings XI Punjab co-owners Zinta, Ness Wadia and Mohit Burman for failing to appear before it on a complaint filed by the Registrar of Companies (RoC) accusing them of not filing its balance sheets and annual returns.

The bailable warrants were issued by Chief Judicial Magistrate J S Sidhu after neither the three co-owners nor their counsel appeared before the court.

The prosecution had submitted that the co-owners of the company had tried to conceal the financial position of KPH Dreams from the public by not filing the balance sheets and annual returns.

No Hot Spot in WC

Cricket
CRICINFO

While the ICC is keen on using the Umpire Decision Review System (UDRS) at next year's World Cup, the tournament is unlikely to see Hot Spot, the technology most favoured by the players for its accuracy. Contrary to reports, a combination of a shortage of cameras, the high cost of acquiring and using the technology, and the sensitive nature of the equipment, makes it almost impossible for the technology to be in place by February.

"For the World Cup 2011, there is no chance for Hot Spot being available for all 50+ early round matches," Warren Brennan, the owner of BBG Sports, the firm that supplies the technology, told Cricinfo in an email. "At present we only have four Hot Spot cameras, this would limit us to providing Hot Spot for only quarterfinal matches onwards."

"This would include two cameras for the quarterfinals and semifinals, with the possibility of four cameras for the final in Mumbai. This is something I have discussed with David Richardson from the ICC, but have not had any updates in the past 6 weeks."

According to Brennan, to have had enough cameras for the World Cup, an order for an additional eight to 10 Hot Spot cameras should have been placed in January or February this year. The cameras take four to six months to build and there are only four or five companies in the world that have the know-how to make them.

And each time BBG wants to buy a new one, it has to undergo a security check because the cameras are classified as military equipment. These checks can take up to three months to complete. "We have to go through various processes," Brennan said. "Are they good guys?"

Can we trust them? Have they sold any cameras to Al-Qaeda? You can't just go into a 7-Eleven and buy one."

Brennan also said he needs help from the ICC and the boards to bring the cost of the system down. Hot Spot, which uses infra-red imaging technology to determine whether the ball has struck the bat, pad or batsman, currently costs \$6,000 per day for a two-camera setup and \$10,000 per day for a four-camera setup.

Under the current system, the broadcaster has to bear the cost of using the UDRS but isn't always able to do so. Pakistan, for example, opted not to have the referral system when they played Australia in England because it was unaffordable. "They [the ICC] know that if they want to take the system further, they have to figure out the funding models," Brennan said.

The absence of Hot Spot does not rule out the possibility of UDRS being used in the World Cup. The ICC's minimum requirements for the referral system only include ball tracking technology (Hawk-Eye), super slow-motion cameras and a clean audio feed from the stump microphone. Hot Spot is "desirable", but not a requirement at this point, according to an ICC spokesperson.

But some top players have spoken out in favour of Hot Spot, the most recent being Sachin Tendulkar. After completing his fifth Test double-hundred in the second Test against Sri Lanka, Tendulkar made it clear he prefers Hot Spot over the basic UDRS.

"I am not fully convinced with the referral system (UDRS)," Tendulkar said. "When I was here last time I was not convinced with many decisions. I did not feel comfortable; it was an experiment which I felt. I would rather go with the Hot Spot because that establishes the contact between the bat and the ball. That it is far better system according to me. The Hot Spot is much better."

Zvonareva's winning start

Tennis
AP, Carlsbad

Russian was forced to scramble back after dropping the second set.

Zvonareva, ranked ninth in the world, did not appear to show any effects from the right hamstring injury that forced her to withdraw last week from the Bank of the West Classic.

"There were moments I would give myself an 'A,'" Zvonareva said. "There were moments I would give myself a 'D'... At the end of the day, I won the match and that's the most important thing."

One big difference in the deciding third set was

Gatlin back and wins

AFP, Rakvere

Disgraced 2004 Olympic 100 metres champion Justin Gatlin won his first two races after returning from a four year doping suspension here on Tuesday.

The 28-year-old American, who tested positive for testosterone three months after equalling the world record in 2006, timed 10.34 seconds, the fastest time of the two heats, into a headwind of 1.7 metres per second.

Gatlin, who achieved the 100/200m sprint double at the 2005 world championships, improved on that time in the final with a mark of 10.24sec - short of his aim of going under 10sec - beating compatriot J-Mee Samuels, whose best time this season is 10.19sec.

Gatlin, who has lost 20 pounds over the past year as he battles to regain his place among the leading sprinters, has targeted a place in the 2012 Olympics as his main objective.

Gatlin, who also failed a drugs test in 2001 for amphetamines, is set to race again in Tallinn on Sunday.

Andy bats for Kevin

Cricket
AFP, Nottingham

England coach Andy Flower believes Kevin Pietersen's latest Test without a hundred should not be used as a stick with which to beat the star batsman.

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Sizzling

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Mishra, who replaced the injured Harbhajan Singh, finished with expensive figures of 1-140 from 42 overs.

Ojha was the lone Indian bowler to take advantage of a wicket assisting turn and bounce to return with 4-115. Seamer Ishant Sharma claimed 3-72, including the last two wickets.

Yousuf flies

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Yousuf led the team in all but the last two limited-overs matches.

The Pakistan Cricket Board has also dropped veteran leg-spinner Danish Kaneria for teenage left-arm spinner Raza Hasan in the squad currently in England.

"Yousuf is flying to London and is expected to reach Birmingham late Thursday and once he reaches here we will decide about his inclusion in the second Test," Pakistan team manager Yawar Saad told AFP from Birmingham.

Spinner Hasan, already in England, will need a change in his UK visa before being able to play.

Indoor

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According to the NSC, they have looked after the indoor after it was shut down due to the unpaid bills but claimed that now it is under the cricket board, which categorically said that it is under the NSC.

"A long time ago we officially gave BCB the permission to use the indoor facilities. They are supposed to ensure the maintenance of the indoor. They haven't paid electric bills for a long time and as a result, the line was discontinued," said NSC director (planning and development) Abdur Rahman who had earlier told The Daily Star that in the last few years, they have made repairs and developed the building before 'handing' it over to the cricket board.

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Isner exacts revenge

Tennis
AFP, Washington

"Marathon Man" John Isner remains mentally worn down after a record-shattering 11-hour Wimbledon triumph but he had enough Tuesday to beat the man who ousted him in June at the ATP Washington Classic.

The fifth-seeded American fired 15 aces to defeat Dutchman Thiemo de Bakker 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (10/8) and reach the third round at the 1.4 million-dollar hard court tournament but brushed aside the idea of a revenge-minded victory.

"It wasn't like a revenge factor at all," Isner said. "I didn't think about that at all. I treated it like any other match."

Isner's epic three-day opening-round Wimbledon victory over France's Nicolas Mahut - which featured a 70-68 fifth set that alone was longer than any prior match - was followed by a loss to de Bakker in which Isner won only five games.

But the Wimbledon after-math for Isner has become a

End of Freddie?

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about his future. Even if an international comeback is out of the picture, there may be some sort of role as a 'freelance' Twenty20 player.

He may no longer command such huge fees as when he was in the IPL's last auction and the Chennai Super Kings paid over £1 million for him, but he is still box office material.

Alternatively, he might decide his days as a player are over. He will have no shortage of job opportunities as a pundit, coach or after-dinner speaker, whatever he chooses to turn to next.

I'd love to see him charging in to bowl again, but he has nothing left to prove, and if this is the end he can retire in the knowledge he will be remembered as one of the best and most popular players of his generation. (Graham Thorpe wrote this article on the Eurosport website).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: SINCE I FOUND THE HAUNTED HOUSE FRIGHTENING BUT REALLY FUNNY, I DESCRIBE IT AS A BIG BOO-HAHA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals E

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