

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

New Zealand recorded their first ever men's Champions Trophy victory over powerhouses the Netherlands on Tuesday with a sensational 3-1 win.

It was the 'Blacksticks' first win in the Champions Trophy in 32 years since defeating Spain 4-0 in the inaugural event in Pakistan in 1978.

Spain won their first match of the tournament with a 3-2 victory over hosts Germany, Germany's first defeat in an international tournament at this venue, built in 2006 for the World Cup, won by Germany.

World Champions Australia went to the top of the table with their third victory from three matches, beating European Champions England 3-2.

New Zealand's Simon Child jolted Netherlands 10 minutes into the second half, scoring from his persistent run along the right backline, getting under Netherlands keeper Mark Jenniskins to score from close range.

Netherlands conceded a penalty corner, converted low inside the right post by Andrew Hayward giving New Zealand a 2-0 advantage, 7 minutes before the break.

Sizzling

figures of 1-140 from 42 overs.

bowler to take advantage of a

wicket assisting turn and

bounce to return with 4-115.

Seamer Ishant Sharma

claimed 3-72, including the

SRI LANKA: First innings 293

for 4 (Dilshan 41, Sangakkara

75, Jayawardene 56

Samaraweera 137 not out,

Mathews 45; Ojha 4-115,

INDIA: First innings 180 for 2

(Sehwag 97 not out, Dravid 23,

Yousuf led the team in all but

the last two limited-overs

has also dropped veteran leg-

spinner Danish Kaneria for

teenage left-arm spinner Raza

Hasan in the squad currently

and is expected to reach

Birmingham late Thursday

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in the second Test," Pakistan

team manager Yawar Saeed

Spinner Hasan, already in

England, will need a change in

his UK visa before being able

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Rahman who had earlier told

The Daily Star that in the last

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over to the cricket board.

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told AFP from Birmingham.

"Yousuf is flying to London

The Pakistan Cricket Board

Yousuf flies

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SCORES IN BRIEF

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

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 percentage of possession and penetrations into the circle, we did not have any finish," Charlesworth said.

Andy bats for Kevin

Mishra, who replaced the injured Harbhajan Singh, Cricket finished with expensive

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.

England thrashed Pakistan by 354 runs in the first of a four-Test series at Trent Bridge last week, although the overcast skies above the Nottingham ground were a boon to swing bowlers on both sides.

Pietersen scratched his way to nine in the first innings but looked to be digging in second time around.

However, he was out for 22 when brilliantly caught off the inside edge by diving Pakistan wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal.

Pietersen has gone 22 innings without a Test century

against the West Indies in Port the middle. of Spain in March last year, although that sequence would have been broken had he added just one more run to the 99 he made against Bangladesh

His cause has not been helped by an Achilles injury which forced him to miss most of England's Ashes series win in 2009, and more recently, a thigh problem which meant he arrived at Trent Bridge not having played a match since July 3.

in Chittagong in March.

Adding to those difficulties, his announcement he was leaving county side Hampshire at the end of the season has led the south coast club into the unsurprising position of refusing to pick Pietersen even on the rare occasions when he is avail-

As a result, the 30-year-old South Africa born shot-maker

since reaching three figures is having to find his form out in

But no top four batsman on either side at Trent Bridge made a fifty and Flower said: "Most batsmen looked a little iffy against that swinging ball but it wasn't only swinging -there was a little movement off the pitch as well.

"Kevin did look better towards the end of the second innings, and that time in the middle is very important for any batsman - so I am glad he spent as long as he did at the crease both for his own good

and the good of the team. "In the first innings he put on a partnership of 42 for the first wicket and helped to get us up and running in difficult conditions," former Zimbabwe batsman Flower added.

"The series is only one Test old, Alastair has a great record of performing under pressure and I expect him to do that in the coming games."

lsner exacts revenge

Tennis

will decide about his inclusion AFP, Washington

Classic.

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

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 revengeminded 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

fatiguing series of questions and jokes as the 25-year-old American with one of the most powerful serves in tennis tries to make his name for something more than longevity.

"I'm trying to (put it behind me), but I'm feeling it," a weary Isner said. "Mentally I'm a bit worn out answering questions about it, hearing jokes every single

"But I can't escape it."

Isner, who will meet Belgian Xavier Malisse on Thursday for a quarterfinal spot, said he has exchanged e-mails with Mahut since their historic match but has not followed his results.

Isner, who won his first ATP title in January at Auckland, improved to an ATP-best 25-14 in tiebreakers this year thanks to the Dutchman's double fault to end the first set and the last of Isner's 15 aces on his third

match point. "It wasn't pretty," Isner said. "Not much was working

US second seed Andy Roddick cruised into the third round, the three-time

Washington champion beating Slovenian qualifier Grega Zemlja 6-4, 6-4 in 84 minutes by winning the only two break points of the match.

End of Freddie?

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 com-

mand 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).

HC stays arrest of **Preity Zinta**

AGENCIES

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 coowners for allegedly not filing its balance sheet and annua 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.

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 1.7metres 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 amphetmaines, is set to race again in Tallinn on Sunday.

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in October as per the announcement," said BFF general secretaryAl Musabbir Sadi. Replying to a query, Sadi

said, "The National Sports Council is still not sure whether they would have to handover the BNS to the ICC by October like other venues, which will stage the World Cup matches. However, it is sure we begin the season with a tournament in October whether we get the BNS."

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

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

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 Zvonareva improving her Russian was forced to scram-

Tennis

AP, Carlsbad

Vera Zvonareva won her first match since finishing as the Wimbledon runner-up, beating Dominika Cibulkova 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 on Monday at the Mercury Insurance Open.

The third-seeded Zvonareva jumped out quickly against her Slovakian opponent in her return to the court following her straight-set loss to Serena Williams in the Wimbledon finals. But the ble 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 l 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



Vera Zvonareva of Russia plays a backhand return against Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia during their Mercury Insurance Open at La Costa Resort and Spa in California on Tuesday.

service game. After inconsistent serving in the first two sets, she was successful on 71 percent of her first serves and had four of her seven aces in the third set. "There were a lot of things, like I was able to play a little bit

deeper and not let her dominate like she did in the second set," she said. "And my serve also got better." Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia fought off two match

points as she upset sixth-seeded Marion Bartoli of France, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4 in the featured night match. Bartoli led 5-4 in the second set when she missed two match points. Hantuchova raced to a 5-2 lead as she won the tie-

breaker. Hantuchova has a 4-1

career record against Bartoli,

including a 3-0 mark on hardcourts. The struggles continued for former world No. 1 Ana Ivanovic of Serbia, who lost 7-6 (3), 6-3 to No. 7 Shahar Peer of Israel. Ivanovic, the 2008 French Open champion, dropped her opening-round match for the fifth

Ivanovic, who got into the event as a wild card, also lost to Peer in the first round at Wimbledon. It has been nearly two years since Ivanovic won a

time in 11 tournaments this

tournament. "I have been working so good, but it's not coming together in the matches," said Ivanovic, whose ranking has dropped to No. 60. "I think it's just confidence. I don't really believe in my shots at that particular moment and that's

what's really tough." Unseeded Svetlana Kuznetsova pulled the tournament's first upset with a 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 win over No. 8 seed Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium.

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