



**BOUNCING BACK:** Australia's Sally Pearson crosses another hurdle on way to winning the women's 100m hurdles gold of the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

# Osayemi tests positive

AFP, New Delhi



The Commonwealth Games were plunged into a new crisis on Monday after women's track 100m gold medal winner Osayemi Oludamola of Nigeria failed a drugs test.

Commonwealth Games Federation president Mike Fennell said the 24-year-old, who was promoted to gold when Australia's Sally Pearson was disqualified for false-starting, tested positive for the banned stimulant methylhexanamine.

"As far as anti-doping is concerned we have conducted over 950 tests to date and we've had results from just over 700," said Fennell.

"Unfortunately I have to report to you we have had a positive result.

"This result was in relation to the winner of the women's 100m final, Ms Osayemi from Nigeria. She has been notified in accordance with the anti-doping standard that applies to these Games."

Oludamola requested her B sample be tested with an official statement from organisers later Monday saying the results were expected "within

48 hours" and that she would remain suspended until then.

It was the first positive test of the Games, now in their eighth day of competition, and Fennell said it remained to be seen how much damage it would do to the image of the sport given it came in such a high-profile event.

"Any positive test, whether in a high-profile event or not, is something we very much regret because we all strive for a clean Games and a clean sport," said Fennell.

"We don't know what sort of damage will accrue but we want to let everyone know that we are very vigilant and we are doing all we can to eliminate doping in sport."

Organising committee secretary general Lalit Bhanot said the positive test showed no-one could get away with cheating.

"We want dope-free games, he said. "That's why 1,500 tests are being conducted. If someone is caught, action will be taken as per the rules."

"At the same time it is a message to everyone that no one can escape."

If Oludamola is stripped of her medal, then Natasha Meyers of St Vincent and the Grenadines would be promoted to first with England's

Kathryn Endacott taking silver and Bertille Atangana of Cameroon coming third.

Nigerian news website Vanguard quoted Athletics Federation of Nigeria president Solomon Ogba as saying Oludamola was given prescription medicine to fight a nagging toothache.

"She took medication for



**OSAYEMI OLUDAMOLA** her toothache and we strongly suspect that it was that, which led to her failed drug test," he said, adding that they were fighting the case.

Despite the positive result from Thursday's final, Oludamola competed in the 200m heats on Sunday, but finished fourth to narrowly

miss the final.

That medal race was due to be held Sunday evening but was postponed after more chaos when Elena Artyemova of Cyprus, the fastest qualifier, was disqualified from her semifinal for stepping out of her lane.

She appealed but it was turned down. However, it became too late to hold the race which will now be run later Monday.

The 100m final had already been controversial after Pearson, who was first over the line, was stripped of her gold for a false start after a chaotic chain of events.

She was forced to endure an agonising wait for the outcome of a series of protests and eventually had her medal taken away hours later despite being taken to the medallists' waiting room.

Fennell later blasted the inexperienced organisers at the track venue for handling the situation badly.

England's Laura Turner of England was also disqualified for a false start and if Oludamola's medal is taken away then it would mean only five athletes would be classified from the eight who started the race.

## Shooter Vijay joins Sachin's fan club

PTI, New Delhi

Master blaster Sachin Tendulkar is a role model for many and the newest member to join the fan club is Commonwealth Games gold medalist Vijay Kumar.

Kumar, who won the coveted medal in 25-metre rapid fire pistol shooting event, said, "Though there are many players who give guidance, Sachin is the ideal one."

"All the players are good. Senior players like Abhinav Bindra and Jaspal Rana give us good guidance. We improve by learning from them, from their experiences."

"However, it is not necessary to have an ideal player. But, yes, we can call Sachin an ideal player," said Vijay in a press conference on Monday.

The reticent army man is not new on the shooting circuit -- Kumar had won gold medals in the last Melbourne Games too.

But, despite bringing laurels to country, Vijay still remains a name unheard of.

## Ouster upsets Warne

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australian Test great Shane Warne said he was shocked by the news that Rajasthan Royals and Kings XI Punjab have been thrown out of the Indian Premier League (IPL) over ownership issues.

Warne, who captained the Royals to success in the inaugural IPL tournament in 2008, said he hoped the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), who own the cash-rich Twenty20 event, would "come to their senses".

The BCCI announced Sunday it had decided to terminate the franchise agreements with Punjab and Rajasthan "based on legal opinions" it had obtained and also issued notices to the new Kochi franchise to resolve ownership disputes.

The BCCI did not specify the alleged breaches.

Warne, who was returning home from England on Monday, tweeted: "Thank you for all your messages of support, still shocked at

IPL news re the Royals, what are other owners saying? Hope to know more asap."

The leg-spin wizard added: "What now for the youngsters?"

He said he hoped the BCCI would reconsider.

"The Royals gave young unknown Indian players a chance and I as captain backed them, and our coaching staff supported them... we were a team."

"Three seasons ago Royals won the first-ever IPL, underdogs come good, what a story, it helped give credibility to the competition."

"Now look."

Kings XI Punjab were bought for 76 million dollars in 2008 by a consortium of businessmen, while Rajasthan Royals were snapped up for 67 million dollars by businessmen, among them Australian media mogul Lachlan Murdoch.

Apart from Warne, fellow Australians Shane Watson and Shaun Tait, South African Graeme Smith and Pakistan's Kamran Akmal and Yousif Khan have played for the Royals, while Australian paceman Brett Lee, Sri Lankans Mahela Jayawardene and Kumar Sangakkara played for the Kings.

## Anand heads chess ratings

PTI, Bilbao

World champion Viswanathan Anand defeated Norwegian Magnus Carlsen and jumped to top spot in unofficial live ratings after the end of the second round of the ongoing Bilbao Final Masters chess tournament.

The Indian chess master cashed in his chances with black pieces and the victory gave him the top ranking in live ratings as Carlsen, who arrived here as the number one chess player, is losing important rating points now.

After the victory over Carlsen, Anand, with one win and one draw, is just two points behind the Russian Vladimir Kramnik, who is in sole lead on six points after defeating Alexei Shirov of Spain in the category-22 tournament that has a football like scoring system.

Shirov is long-way third with just one point that he earned after drawing with Anand in the opener.

## Wozniacki's 6th in a year

Tennis

AFP, Beijing

Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki celebrated her new world number one ranking on Monday by capturing her sixth title of the year at the China Open, outlasting her Russian rival Vera Zvonareva, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

The victory in Beijing by the 20-year-old Wozniacki -- who has dethroned American superstar Serena Williams as the WTA's top player -- came as sweet revenge for her loss to Zvonareva in the US Open semi-finals.

The Dane looked tentative at the start of the match, which was postponed from Sunday due to heavy rain. She looked especially vulnerable on the forehand side, giving Zvonareva several free

points on mis-hits and falling behind 3-1.

But she stormed back to take the next five games and the set, unleashing ferocious cross-court backhands and keeping the 26-year-old Russian off-balance by changing up the speed of her groundstrokes.

In the second set, the momentum shifted and Zvonareva found her range, securing the key break to go up 3-1 and closing it out to force the decider under the floodlights at the Olympic Green Tennis Centre on a chilly night.

In the third, Wozniacki showed why she is the best player in the world, stepping up her game and painting the lines with blistering backhands despite the Russian's tough counter-punching to build an early 3-0 lead.

## Black Caps

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batsmen taking full advantage of their third Powerplay. Shakib ended their resistance with Mills skying his well-floated delivery to long-on.

One couldn't expect Shakib to deliver a Botham-esque performance every time he enters the field so it was quite a relief for the No 1 all-rounder in the world to bowl a tight spell, rotate the bowlers and hit the winning runs.

The victory would also put forward the case for the three left-armers to start more regularly, especially in home conditions.

## India win

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Commonwealth Games Federation president Mike Fennell said the 24-year-old, who was promoted to gold following Pearson's disqualification, tested positive for the banned stimulant methylhexanamine.

Oludamola failed to make the 200m final which itself proved controversial with Elena Artyemova of Cyprus, the fastest qualifier, disqualified from her semi-final for stepping out of her lane.

A Cypriot appeal prevented the final going ahead on Sunday as scheduled and when it was finally run on Monday the Cayman Islands' Cydonie Mothersill handed her country their first-ever Commonwealth gold medal.

With Australian discus world champion Dani Samuels missing, India pulled off a clean sweep with Krishna Poonia taking gold with a throw of 61.51 metres ahead of Harwant Kaur and Seema Antil.

It was the country's first athletics gold since Milkha Singh won the 440 yards in Cardiff in 1958.

## Title goes to Djokovic

Tennis

AFP, Beijing

World number two and defending champion Novak Djokovic captured his second ATP title of the year at the China Open on Monday with an easy 6-2, 6-4 win over Spain's David Ferrer in a rain-delayed final.

The top-seeded Serb, who took home a 500,000-dollar winner's cheque, qualified for the season-ending ATP Championships in London thanks to his stellar week in Beijing, where he won Olympic bronze in 2008.

"This is definitely a confidence boost for me. In the last two or three months, I've been feeling much more comfortable and confident on the court, playing an aggressive game, and my serve is working for me," Djokovic said.

"Let's see if I can keep it up," added the 23-year-old, who now heads to Shanghai for the Masters event, with his first match set for Wednesday.

Djokovic led Ferrer 3-1 in the first set on Sunday when play was suspended at the Olympic Green Tennis Centre due to heavy



**Novak Djokovic of Serbia poses with the winner's trophy after beating David Ferrer of Spain in the China Open final at the National Tennis Centre in Beijing yesterday. Djokovic won 6-2, 6-4.**

## Tigers aim for galaxies

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10-over spell, but Shakib was not happy with the bowling during Powerplay as Ross Taylor smashed all over the park during his unbeaten 72-ball 62 that saw four sixes and three boundaries.

"The spinners did a good job especially Shuvo was exceptional after Shafiqul (Islam) set the tone removing Brendon McCullum but we didn't bowl well in the Powerplay. Our fielding was also good but not extraordinary, so we have to look at these areas," said Shakib adding that this New Zealand side is inexperienced compared to the last one who visited in 2008.

To Shakib the most exciting aspect of his team is that it's full of performers. While he himself was the hero in the first game there were numerous performers in the second game.

"You see so many players who performed in the match which is the main strength of this team. We play as a team and as an unit," he said.

Things however could have been very different for Shakib if he had lost the match. The all-rounder had risked the ire of the watching thousands when he chose to field first under the conditions. But the win put to bed any such talk.

The question was however still raised and Shakib had his explanation: "What I thought was that the pacers might get a little help from the pitch as it had been covered for the last few days due to rain."

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the third one-day international between Bangladesh and New Zealand at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday:

**NEW ZEALAND**

B McCullum c Mushfiqur b Shafiqul 0  
Ryder c Kayes b Shuvo 30  
Watling c Zunaed b Razzak 23  
Taylor not out 62  
Elliott b Shakib 2  
Vettori c and b Shuvo 9  
McKay 6 of 28 1  
Vettori 10 of 36 0  
Ryder 3 of 20 0  
Mills c Rubel b Shakib 26  
Southee lbw b Mahmudullah 0  
McKay c Mushfiqur b Mahmudullah 0  
Extras: (nb-2, w-3) 5  
Total: (All out in 42.5 overs) 173

**MAN-OF-THE-MATCH:** Sohrawardi Shuvo.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-55, 3-56, 4-62, 5-79, 6-98, 7-101, 8-173, 9-173

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Shafiqul	4	0	22	1
Rubel	8	0	39	1
Razzak	10	0	47	1
Shakib	9	1	45	2
Shuvo	10	2	14	3
Mahmudullah	1.5	0	6	2

**BANGLADESH**

Kayes c Elliott b N McCullum 50  
Nafees c B McCullum b N McCullum 73  
Zunaed c N McCullum b McKay 14  
Rokibul not out 18  
Shakib not out 13  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-5) 9  
Total: (For three wkts in 40 overs) 177  
Did not bat: Rahim, Mahmudullah, Razzak, Rubel, Shafiqul, Shuvo

Fall of wickets: 1-127, 2-134, 3-159

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Mills	6	0	38	0
Southee	3	0	20	0
N McCullum	10	0	31	2
McKay	6	0	28	1
Vettori	10	0	36	0
Ryder	3	0	20	0
Taylor	2	0	3	0

**Result:** Bangladesh won by seven wickets.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Elderly  
5 Book-keeper (Abbr.)  
8 Smog  
12 Kill  
13 Scepter  
14 Yale  
15 Comment before an attempt  
17 "Phooey!"  
18 Longing  
19 Deterioration  
20 Spooky  
21 Catch some rays  
22 Lingerie item  
23 Suspicious  
26 Drank  
30 Hint  
31 Jewel  
32 Ripped  
33 Worked in retail, maybe  
35 Drive off  
36 Conger, e.g.  
37 Supporting  
38 Muscular

**DOWN**

41 Carib-bean, for one  
42 Carte lead-in  
45 —  
46 Electronic musical instru-ment  
48 Finished  
49 Have a bug  
50 "So be it" with "the"  
51 "Auld Lang —"  
52 Petrol  
53 Parks of civil rights fame  
2 High school-based  
3 Fox show  
4 Deserve  
4 Prepare  
4 Easter eggs  
5 Sing a la Bing  
6 Versifier  
7 Billboards  
8 Heaven, perhaps, with "the"  
9 Winged  
10 Tubular pasta  
11 Being, to Brutus  
16 CSA uniform color  
20 Mound stat  
21 So Mooch  
23 TV watchdog org.  
24 Under the weather  
25 Seek damages  
26 Proof abbr.  
27 Dandy  
28 Before  
29 East Coast st.  
31 Tooth-paste type  
34 Crucial  
35 Bellow  
37 Senses  
38 Resumes, for short  
39 A deadly sin  
40 Paradise  
41 Actor LaBeouf  
42 Bullets and such  
43 Tells a whopper  
44 Actress Paquin  
46 Label  
47 Corn spike

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

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OHIO	EON	ARIA
PENN	KID	VARY
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HUG	WEASEL	
JUKEBOX	PLUTO	
OPAL	DIM	OMAN
GOTON	VAMPOOSE	
SNOOTY	YAK	
KHAN	PSALM	
ALPO	HOW	ESAU
BEAU	OVA	EARS
AINT	OAR	PIAT

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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G L F V Z X V F I U R Z S W F Z L R V F .

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BATHROOM CABINET MODELS: THE VANITY FAIR.  
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