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Aussies recall Haddin, Siddle

AFP, Sydney

Paceman Peter Siddle and wicketkeeper Brad Haddin have returned to Australia's squad for next weekend's Twenty20 match with Sri Lanka in Perth after injury, selectors said Monday.

Siddle is available for Sunday's game after a lengthy rehabilitation from a back injury, while Haddin has returned to full fitness following an elbow complaint.

Haddin's return meant there was no place available for Tasmanian wicketkeeper Tim Paine, who played in the Test and one-day series in India this month.

"It's exciting to see the return of Peter Siddle and Brad Haddin into international cricket," chairman of selectors Andrew Hilditch

all forms of the game and has made a return from injury and is now ready to take his place in the Australia Twenty20 squad.

"It is unfortunate for Tim Paine, having played so well for Australia recently, to miss out on this squad but Brad has made a very good recovery from his elbow injury and is an established member of our side in all forms of the game."

Hilditch said the squad assembles some of Australia's best young talent as they broaden their international experience.

"Players like Steve Smith, Stephen O'Keefe and John Hastings have exciting allround skills for T20 cricket and it will be great to see them against a very strong Sri Lanka squad."

Hilditch said senior Australian players Mike Hussey and Mitchell Johnson, were not considered for the T20 match ahead of the Ashes series squad selection.

But he said they will be available for selection in the Western Australia-South Australia Sheffield Shield match, beginning in Adelaide on Friday.

India retain

FROM PAGE 17 Tendulkar jumped two places

to joint eighth though he did not play in the Australia ODI

Virender Sehwag also gained one place to seventh to be the second highest-ranked Indian after his captain Dhoni.

3 key SA

ahead of the game.

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Team manager Doc Moosajee said the three players might play in the opening match: "If they are ready for the two T20 games, they will play. That's why they were taken up in the group.

Roger *a la* Pete

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to scramble and battle back but I found a way," said Federer. Once I get the lead it's difficult for my oppo-

"When my game is on I can really play well. This was a really good week. I'm happy how I pulled up after back-toback weeks. And I'm happy with how I'm playing."

Mayer played nothing-tolose, and hence offensive, tennis. But playing good opponents makes you play better also. I felt I gained the intensity

and was able to keep it up." Federer's dominating win in front of Swedish royalty marked his 36th consecutive victory against Germans since

losing to Nicolas Kiefer in The Swiss wrapped up the opening set in 34 minutes,

then went to work to secure the victory.

A break in the sixth game of the second for 4-2 was enough, with the top seed putting a forehand long on the first of three match points but completing the win on his second opportunity with a service winner.

"Roger really deserved to win," said the 47th-ranked Mayer, without a title from three career finals. "I hope you get back to number one as soon as possible."



Italian golfer Manuel Manassero kisses the Castello Masters trophy after becoming the youngest ever winner in European Tour history in Valencia on Sunday.

Manassero makes history

"Peter is a key bowler in Golf

AFP, Valencia

Italian Manuel Manassero won the Castello Masters on Sunday to become the youngest ever winner in European Tour history.

Manassero, at 17 years and 188 days, won by four shots from Spain's Ignacio Garrido, beating the previous Tour record for youngest winner set in 2008 when New Zealand's Danny Lee (18y 113d) won the Johnnie Walker Classic.

The Italian, a former British Amateur Champion whose previous best European Tour result was a third place at this year's Omega Masters, also becomes the youngest full European Tour Member as a result of this win, eclipsing the previous record held by Seve

Ballesteros by just 12 days.

stride early, sinking a 12-foot birdie putt at the third before nailing a 40-footer at the parthree sixth as the gap to Boyd closed to one shot. The youngster dropped a

shot on the seventh but he turned the screw over the back nine, three successive birdies at 13, 14 and 15 taking him clear of the pack. "I always worked hard for

this moment and now I've

finally done it, it's an unbe-

lievable moment," Manassero told Sky Sports. "When I made that putt for par on 12 to stay two behind I kept going and I made some great shots coming in, and

some good putts. "That was the turning point as well as the birdie on 13. I was very nervous. At the beginning I was nervous and

invited to pick their XIs in

parallel, and six of the jury's

choices made it to the readers'

XI: Bradman, Tendulkar,

Sobers, Gilchrist, Warne and

Akram. Virender Sehwag and

Gavaskar were the over-

whelming favourites for the

opening slots, while Brian

Lara edged out Richards for a

place in the middle order. The

readers went with a two-spin,

two-quicks bowling combina-

tion -- their XI has Warne and

Murali bowling in tandem.

And Glenn McGrath and

Akram comfortably beat

competition from all the West

Indian bowlers in the shortlist.

our all-time XI series for the

top Test-playing countries

should culminate in an all-

time World XI," Sambit Bal,

editor of ESPNcricinfo, said.

"It's the apt finale to what has

been hugely successful exer-

cise. Not only have these

features been widely read, our

readers have participated in

huge numbers in picking their

in choosing the jury for the

world XI. All the cricketers on

the panel have been captains,

and are thus well-versed in the

business of selecting teams.

Also, they have either played

alongside, or watched first-

hand, a significant number of

Hobbs, Len Hutton, Don

Bradman, Sachin Tendulkar,

THE WORLD XI: Jack

"We have taken great care

own XIs."

the nominees."

"It was only natural that

then I was a bit more relaxed Manassero was into his and then I was very nervous again at the end.

"I couldn't really imagine to be a winner in the first year, it was really just to keep my card, but now I'm a winner already.'

Manassero's charge to the top of the leaderboard was aided by overnight leader Gary Boyd's final-round capitulation, which saw the 24-year-old Englishman string together a horror sequence of bogey, double-bogey, bogey on holes 15 through 17 as he slipped to 11 under and a tie for third place with Holland's Joost Luiten, Peter Lawrie of Ireland and Swede Christian Nilsson.

Garrido's surge to second place was aided by three birdies over the back nine, the Spaniard making gains at holes 13, 16 and 17 as he signed for a final-round 68.

SA favour UDRS

Cricket

CRICINFO

South Africa are in favour of using the Umpire Decision Review System (UDRS) in their upcoming Test series against India. Gerald Majola, Chief Executive Officer of Cricket South Africa (CSA), confirmed to ESPNcricinfo that the board is still negotiating with its Indian counterparts over whether the system will be used during the end-ofyear tour.

"We have to persuade India because at the moment they don't want it," said Majola. As per ICC regulations, the host team can take the take the call on whether to use UDRS, in consultation with the visiting country. Majola said the South African players want to use the system because they think "it's the most fair way for decisions to be made."

South African captain Graeme Smith voiced his conditional approval for the UDRS in a more measured manner. "Technology is obviously an important way forward in cricket. It will be beneficial to the game and the players are behind. I think if the Umpire Decision Review System (UDRS) is going to be successful it needs to be implemented properly by the ICC and not on a 50/50 basis like we have seen so far," Smith said. "It must be used all of the time and not for selective series' like we see now."

Recent history may explain Smith's issue with consistency. In their last four Test series, South Africa have used the UDRS three times.

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points.

allrounder's spot, Imran Khan

(19) narrowly edged out Keith

Miller to make it to the Second XI.

Knott to the wicketkeeper's

spot by eight points. The next

closest contender was Kumar

Sangakkara, who got nine

all decided by handsome

margins. Three of cricket's

most highly rated fast bowlers

-- Dennis Lillee, leading with

48 points, Wasim Akram and

Malcolm Marshall (in addition

to Sobers, who could bowl left-

arm fast, spin and chinamen) -

either the first or second XIs of

each of the 12 jury members --

Bradman, Sobers, Warne and

Viv Richards. Five players were

in 11 -- Tendulkar, Akram,

Hutton, Gilchrist and Marshall.

former captain from each of the

top Test-playing teams -- Ian

Chappell, Clive Lloyd, Tony

Greig, Duleep Mendis, Ali

Bacher, Intikhab Alam, John

Wright, Ajit Wadekar -- and four

installment in ESPNcricinfo's

all-time XI series, in which all-

time sides have been picked for

the leading Test teams. The

shortlists that the members of

the jury picked their World XIs

from consisted of the players

who made it to the country XIs.

ESPNcricinfo readers were

The World XI is the final

cricket historians and writers.

The jury comprised one

Four players figured in

accompanyWarne.

The bowling positions were

Adam Gilchrist beat Alan

They first used it against Australia in the 2008-09 season, then against England at home last season and, most recently, in their three-test series in the West Indies in June. They did not use it in the series in India in February this year, when the choice lay with the hosts.

India have made no secret of their dislike for the system since they first used it in a series against Sri Lanka in 2008. In the three-Test series, India made only one successful review, compared to Sri Lanka's 11. They haven't used it since then, with senior players such as Sachin Tendulkar openly saying they prefer Hot Spot, as they feel it is a more accurate tool for establishing contact between bat and ball or pad.

There is the possibility that Hot Spot will be used during the South Africa-India series, even though it wasn't part of the production in the recently-completed series between South Africa and Zimbabwe. Hotspot was used during the home series against England. The broadcasting rights have since changed hands. Previously the national broadcaster, the South African Broadcast Corporation, was responsible for the production; now Supersport is. Both services still broadcast live matches.

The exact technology tools to be used in the series will be decided in the coming weeks. It is almost certain that South Africa will have ball-tracking technology, Super Slo-Mo and a clear stump mike, the three requirements needed for the UDRS system, should India change their mind. The first Test starts in Centurion on December 16.

Bayliss took up his role with the Sri Lankans in August 2007 and became the fifth Australian to coach Sri Lanka after Dav Whatmore, Bruce Yardley, John Dyson and Tom Moody.

Under his guidance, Sri Lanka have enjoyed a win ratio of better than 50 per cent and are ranked third in Test cricket and

"They've got a good chance in this World Cup coming up and I'm looking forward to it very much," he said.

Sri Lankan-born Whatmore coached Sri Lanka to their greatest cricket triumph in 1996 when they co-hosted and won that year's World Cup, defeating Australia in the final.

Sri Lanka are playing warm-up one-dayers ahead of their three-match ODI series and a one-off Twenty20 match against Australia next month.

Abahani

Breaking the offside trap, be denied by the crossbar.

passed before the deadlock was broken, but at the other end. Awudu Ibrahim did all no chance to goalkeeper Roghu to react.

to keep their goal well guarded after the break, making the backline.

again came close to doubling the lead in the 74th minute when Awudu's left-footed drive narrowly missed the target.

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cool and availing the chances were the key to their success.

their job and they capitalised on the opportunities that came and ran out winners," said Rupu.

Brothers coach Wasim Iqbal was clearly disappointed.

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Trevor to quit SL job after

AFP, Sydney

World Cup

Australian Trevor Bayliss will quit as coach of the Sri Lankan team after next year's World Cup, reports said on Monday.

Bayliss has handed in his notice after more than three successful years coaching Sri Lanka and plans to finish up after the World Cup in Sri Lanka, India and Bangladesh next April, the reports said.

Bayliss, 47, said he wanted to spend more time with his wife and two children, who still live in Sydney, but he also intended to keep coaching.

"I'm on the lookout [for a new job]," Bayliss told The Sydney Morning Herald.

fourthin one-day internationals.

FROM PAGE 17 five minutes from the break.

Bentil capitalised on a Kabir Hossain lob and latched on to the ball inside the box only to Hardly five minutes had

the hardwork in the right flank and curved a cross for unmarked Jitu who tapped the ball into Brothers' net giving Going a goal up, Abahani adopted a defensive strategy

Brothers job tough to split the However, Jitu and Awudu

Brothers should have levelled the margin four

shot went straight into the Abahani manager Satyajit Das Rupu believes keeping

"The boys were focused on

"It was not our day, we missed

BCCI denies Raina's bookie link

Cricket

PTI, New Delhi

The Indian cricket board on Sunday described an English newspaper report of BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) keeping quiet on Suresh Raina accompanying a woman allegedly linked to bookies during the Sri Lankan tour as "baseless", saying that she was the agent of the Indian batsman.

A report in London Sunday Times claimed that ICC's ACSU is probing why the BCCI kept quiet about a report by Sri Lanka Cricket of Raina being seen in company of a woman linked to an associate of a bookie.

Terming the report as "baseless and false" BCCI secretary N Srinivasan said the cricket board has not received any such complaint from the SLC.

"The BCCI has just learnt that several media outlets are claiming that Sri Lanka Cricket had submitted a report on Suresh Raina to it, and that no action was taken by the Board on the same," he said in a statement.

"The BCCI would like to clarify that it has received no such report from SLC. The claims being made by a section of the media are totally baseless and false," he said.

BCCI spokesperson Rajiv Shukla also termed the report as "untrue" and said the woman was Raina's agent.

"That is untrue and baseless. It's all rubbish. No complaint had ever come to BCCI from

either the ICC or SLC. BCCI had never received any complaint on this matter. Actually, the lady is Raina's agent," Shukla told PTI.

"Raina was with the lady to sign some papers and complete formalities. She was also agent of some Sri Lankan players. It has nothing to do with any anti-corruption matter or any matter outside cricket," said Shukla who is also BCCI vice-president. "It is just media speculation and nothing

else," he said. According to 'Sunday Times', Raina on more than one night was seen in the company of a woman known to be an associate of a man allegedly linked to a bookmaker. It said the SLC gave a report to BCCI of Raina

accompanying a woman alleged to have links with a bookie along with footages of CCTV cameras installed at the Indian team hotel in Sri Lanka. According to the newspaper report, it is the

reaction of the BCCI secretary N Srinivasan that has led to the ICC investigation. Instead of acting on the report, Srinivasan is

alleged to have got the Sri Lankans withdraw it. 23-year-old Raina plays for Chennai Super

Kings, an IPL franchise owned by Indian Cements of which Srinivasan is a vicechairman and managing director. The investigation, led by ACSU head Ravi

Sawani is believed to be looking into why SLC shared the report with the BCCI first when under ICC anti-corruption rules it should have gone straight to the world governing body, the newspaper said quoting unnamed ICC sources.

Rajasthan appeal ban

Cricket

CRICINFO

The Rajasthan Royals franchise has filed an appeal in the Bombay High Court against the BCCI's decision to terminate their IPL status. The case will be heard on Wednesday. The BCCI's decision to end the franchise's

IPL affiliation was taken on October 10, on charges of transgression of shareholding and ownership norms that threatened to "shake the very foundation of the tender process". On the same day the BCCI had also termi-

nated the Kings XI Punjab's IPL connection. The BCCI contended that Rajasthan vio-

lated the franchise agreement on three counts: * The original bid document was picked and signed by Manoj Badale, representing Emerging Media (IPL) Limited, a UK-based company, which wins the bid for the Jaipur

franchise. The shares of the franchise, however, were held by two individuals, Ranjit Barthakur and Fraser Castellino, who are the only two shareholders representing Jaipur IPL Cricket Private Limited, the firm which signed the final franchise agreement on March 31, 2008. According to the BCCI, this amounts to stepping into the shoes of the original bidder without being a "group company or entity controlled by the bidder," which violates the tender process.

* The franchise agreement states that no change of control can occur in the first three years. However, the BCCI claimed Rajasthan restructured its ownership pattern twice -- in March 2008 and January 2009.

* The board felt Rajasthan had provided wrong information about the corporate structure of Jaipur IPL Cricket Private Limited. The board also raised the inclusion of Jaipur IPL Cricket Private Limited as "incorrect" as the firm holding the franchisee rights.

Mutu says sorry

Football

AFP, Rome

Troubled Romanian striker Adrian Mutu has asked for forgiveness after breaking a man's nose just a week before making his return to action following a 10-month doping suspen-

Mutu broke a waiter's nose on Friday night over a dispute about an unpaid bill.

The scuffle broke out after Mutu tried to leave a night-club without settling his account. The waiter approached him to settle up and

Mutu, having claimed he had an open tab,

punched the waiter on the nose. The 31-year-old is due to make his competitive comeback this weekend against Catania having served out his suspension for taking a

banned stimulant. However, Mutu's apology on Monday was not directed at the person whose nose he

"I want to offer my most sincere and profound excuses to the (Fiorentina) owners, the club, the technical staff, my team-mates and

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all the fans," he said in a statement.

"I realise that what happened should never have happened. I don't forgive myself, in particular, for having allowed myself to get stupidly involved in an argument from which I should have sought refuge, not least because I spent that evening in the company of friends who had come from Romania to celebrate their daughter, who the next day was to be baptised in an Orthodox church in Florence.

"It was my last night of freedom before my complete return to availability to the team after 10 months of hell experienced from the sidelines, and also for this reason I am bitterly sorry for what happened."

Fiorentina are badly in need of Mutu as they are currently also without young Montenegro starlet Stevan Jovetic and until Saturday's 2-1 victory against Bari were sitting rock bottom of Serie A.

ing suspension having also been banned in 2004 for seven months having tested positive for cocaine.

In a chequered career he has played for Juventus, Inter Milan and Chelsea and was

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Fred Trueman, Muttiah

READERS' XI: Sunil Gavaskar,

Virender Sehwag, Don

Bradman, Sachin Tendulkar,

Brian Lara, Garry Sobers,

Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne,

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place on October 29. **SQUAD** Shakib Al Hasan, Mashrafe

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