

# Wozniacki's shock exit

Tennis

AFP, Doha  
Caroline Wozniacki must wait at least one more day to become year-end world number one, after suffering a surprise defeat at the round robin stage of the WTA Championships here Wednesday.

The in-form favourite, who had previously lost only two out of 33 matches and won five titles, was beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Samantha Stosur, the world number five from Australia.

Wozniacki had a great chance to reach break point in the ninth game of the first set, but after missing a relatively easy kill started to play as though under pressure.

Stosur by contrast hit freely, striking 26 winners, serving excellently, and opening up the court frequently with her forceful inside-out forehand.

Wozniacki denied suggestions that she allowed the year-end number one spot to enter her mind.

"I didn't think about it at all," she claimed. "I just wanted to win. I was just trying to get my rhythm."

"She was serving very hard and hitting with

a lot of spin and playing different from the other girls."

Wozniacki nevertheless retains a good chance of becoming year-end world number one.

If she beats Francesca Schiavone, the French Open champion from Italy, in her next match it will happen -- and maybe even if she doesn't, but qualifies from the group with one win.

Wozniacki's difficulties began at four-all, 30-all, when she had the court at her mercy but from a position close to the net, drove the ball long. She hurled down her racket hard in annoyance.

The following game saw Wozniacki serve a double fault to go set point down, and on her first big opportunity Stosur played a great point. She imposed a difficult angle upon the Wozniacki backhand, and strode forward to finish the rally with a rousing drive volley.

Stosur broke serve again for 3-1 in the second set when Wozniacki's straight backhand drive veered off the parallel into the tramlines. It was damage which the favourite never repaired.

She did though get to break back point at 30-40, only for Stosur to deliver a fierce serve and follow up with a drive-kill, then closing out the match with the help of two more heavy first serves.

# Six Seasons chess from Sunday

SPORTS REPORTER

Six Seasons, a chess organisation led by Grand Master Niaz Murshed, is all set to roll out its seventh tournament titled "Berger Six Seasons Grand Master Chess Tournament" from Sunday.

Niaz announced this at a press conference at the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

As many as ten players including Murshed and players from India, Uzbekistan, Brunei and Bangladesh will take part in the round robin league system tournament at the Uttara Club.

"At present, we have not had a single International Master (IM) and our objective is to hold this tournament and help the FIDE Master get their norms," said Murshed, who started the Six Seasons events from last March.

"Minhazuddin Ahmed and Abu Sufian Shakil have chance to get their norms from the tournament though it will be tough for them," he said.

"Besides, this is a preparatory tournament for the players ahead of the upcoming Asian Games as a maximum of five players from Bangladesh will take part (in Guanzhou)."

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has come with a financial package of Tk 50,000 apart from the contribution from sponsors Berger.

The players are: GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Niaz Murshed, FM Minhazuddin Ahmed, FM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Mehdi Hasan Parag, GM Vakhidov Tair of Uzbekistan, IM Sahaj Grover, FM Sayatan Das and Bitan Banerjee from India and FM Yee Soon Wei from Brunei.

# Viqarunnisa h'ball champs again

SPORTS REPORTER

Viqarunnisa Noon School & College emerged champions in 13th Delta Life Women's College Handball tournament with a 4-2 win over Siddheswari Girls College in the final at the newly-built Handball Stadium yesterday.

It was the second consecutive title and sixth overall for Viqarunnisa since their participation in the women's college handball meet from 1993.

Bitosta and Dina scored twice each for the winners while Setu and Tuni netted one goal each for Siddheswari Girls as Viqarunnisa led the first half 2-0.

Pinky of Viqarunnisa was adjudged the best player of the tournament while Siddheswari College's Zaira was named the best goalkeeper to receive Tk 2,000 each as prize money.

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni was the chief guest at the closing ceremony and distributed the prizes.

Eden Girls College finished third in the meet.

# Siddikur

FROM PAGE 17 who admitted he began to flag from the heat over the final few holes.

"I could really feel it the last couple of holes, the heat was zapping my energy. But it's my last tournament of the year and my last chance to win in 2010, so I want victory here."

The small field means there will be no halfway cut and the up-and-coming Parija, who made his breakthrough with a recent maiden Asian Tour victory in Taiwan, said he was making the most of the experience.

"I played with Ryan Palmer today and he won a PGA Tour event this year and finished top-10 last week. I set my goal this week for an experience and that's what I got," he said.

"I'll let my skill do the talking. These guys are my idols. I'm still in the small league and they are in the big league. I hope I can step up soon."

It was more of a learning curve for another Thai, Kiradech Aphibarnrat, who ended the day in joint last place with American J.B Holmes on 73.

# Constitution

FROM PAGE 17 board and was approved," he said.

Bangladesh will host eight World Cup matches including two quarterfinals beside the opening ceremony to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on February 17.



England flamboyant batsman Kevin Pietersen poses with his wife Jessica at a party in London on Wednesday.

# KP hits back at critics

Cricket

AFP, London

Kevin Pietersen insists he will use the forthcoming Ashes showdown with Australia to prove he is still one of the world's best batsmen.

Pietersen has suffered a miserable run of form over the last 12 months and was dropped from England's one-day international squad which faced Pakistan in September.

The flamboyant batsman knows that many experts, including former Australia coach John Buchanan, believe he is no longer the force he once was.

But Pietersen, 30, is adamant talk of his demise is premature and he expects to make a significant impact as England try to win a Test series in Australia for the first time since 1986-87.

"Even with all the doom and gloom over the way I've been playing I think I've averaged 40 over the last 18 months or so, so it's not all bad," Pietersen told the Daily Mail.

"I am looking for that Test hundred and I am looking to put myself back to where I was. I'd love people to see how hard I train and all the work I do away from the game to put things right."

"I am trying so hard to get back to where I used to be. Maybe I've been trying too hard, I don't know. But I'm doing everything I can to get back to being the player I have been."

South-African born Pietersen played a key role in England winning their first Ashes series in 18 years in 2005 and also took part in last year's successful campaign against Australia on home soil.

Pietersen, who is part of the 16-man team that will fly to Perth on Friday to prepare for England's Ashes defence, is confident Andrew Strauss's team are capable of winning in Australia -- a feat which he would regard as the finest of his international career.

"It would be the best thing ever to win Down Under and I think we can do it," Pietersen said.

"It is huge for an England cricketer to go to Australia to take part in an Ashes series."

"You don't win there often. I have been part of two winning series in the UK and have lost one in Australia."

"I'm really looking forward to this one though because I think we can go and do a lot better than we did last time."

"I see this as an unbelievable opportunity to do something that would be the pinnacle of my career."

"I've won the Ashes and I've won a World Cup and to win in Australia as an Englishman would be the icing on the cake and the cherry on top. It would be a case of done and dusted."

Pietersen has endured what he describes as an "interesting" 12 months which has seen him win the ICC World Twenty20 and father his first child while continuing to struggle in all forms of the game.

He has failed to hit a Test century since the start of last year but remains completely convinced he can trouble Ricky Ponting's team on their own turf.

Pietersen has already been taunted by Ponting and company for his lack of form, but he doesn't expect much abuse on the pitch when the Ashes battle gets underway.

"It's all part of the Ashes build-up. It's more of a media thing than anything else," Pietersen said. "There's sledging off the field but there won't be much on it. It just doesn't happen."

Respected figures within the game contend that England can win the series against Australia, who recently lost 2-0 in India.

Any suggestions that the hosts will be easily beaten were denied by Pietersen though.

"They're not a spent force," he said. "In Australia they will be a tough team to beat. They will be right at us and we will have to play our best cricket to compete with them."

# Greatbatch blasts his charges

AFP, Wellington

New Zealand cricket coach Mark Greatbatch on Thursday gave a damning verdict of his players' performance against Bangladesh, saying the Black Caps "played like dicks" and must redeem themselves in India.

New Zealand this month capitulated 0-4 in a one-day series against unfancied Bangladesh, a result the local media has described as a low point in the team's history.

"When you play badly like that you've got to front up," Greatbatch told radio station Livesport from India, where New Zealand will next week begin a tour that includes three Tests and five one-day internationals.

"It's very devastating. We played like dicks really and I suppose there's one positive thing, we've got a chance next week to actually put it right."

Greatbatch was similarly blunt in his assessment of the team's top order batsmen, who failed to fire against Bangladesh.

"I think some aren't good enough, I think some think they are better than they are," he said, refusing to name the players he was referring to.

The coach said his batsmen needed to work out when a situation required aggression and when they needed patience at the crease.

"What it requires is actually sorting out the cricket smarts and weighing up the situation that you're playing in and we've got some work to do in all those areas," he said.

New Zealand cricket chiefs have resisted major changes after the Bangladesh humiliation, making only two changes to the Test side to face India and instead setting up a committee of former players to examine all aspects of the game.

The Test series against India will begin next Thursday in Ahmedabad.

# Gambhir for Kirsten

PTI, New Delhi

Prolific Indian opener Gautam Gambhir feels that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) should renew the contract of coach Gary Kirsten after it expires at the end of the Cricket World Cup next year.

"Gary is the best coach India has ever had. I have often said that and I keep on stressing that we need Gary. I don't need to speak much about him. His fabulous record speaks for itself. He has been a great man-manager. So I believe that he should be retained after the World Cup also," Gambhir said at the sidelines of a promotional event here.

Gambhir is thus the latest among the Indian stars to join the bandwagon who want the South African to be retained as Cricket South Africa wants him to take over once he finishes his stint with the Indian team.

# Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Prime Minister's Office  
Tejgaon, Dhaka

No. 03.068.018.03.00.031.2010-464

Date: 25 October 2010

## CEO Required for PPP Office

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has decided to appoint a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for its office for Public Private Partnership (PPP) newly established under the aegis of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). As the government embarks on the PPP initiative, a Policy and Strategy for Public Private Partnership has already been promulgated under the PMO's gazette notification No. 03.068.014.03.00.005.2010(Part-2)-323 date: 01 August, 2010. The policy envisages a wide spectrum of partnership between the public and private sector to enhance the rate of investment through a more rapid, inclusive and sustained growth trajectory.

### Qualification and experience

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) now invites applications from Bangladesh nationals to fill the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the PPP Office. The CEO will be the executive chief of this autonomous office and will remain accountable directly to the Prime Minister. The PMO is looking for a highly eligible business personage, who would communicate effectively at all levels and play a pivotal role in launching the PPP initiative in Bangladesh on a robust scale and steer the process with the assistance of other government entities, foreign and local private investors, indigenous and foreign NGOs and development partners. The candidate should have an advanced university degree in business administration/management, economics, finance, accountancy, engineering or other related academic fields. He/She should present remarkable career credentials in managing national or multinational companies and corporate bodies, public and private entities of high stature and/or excellence in administrative/academic arena.

### Responsibilities

The CEO is expected to pursue a distinct and continuous profile of action in leading the PPP Office which has the following mandate to operationalise PPP initiative in Bangladesh:

- To initiate, develop, formulate PPP projects;
- To actively promote PPP to various potential investors;
- To maintain a panel of experts for PPP projects;
- To conduct pre-feasibility, feasibility studies and prepare relevant bidding documents, when necessary;
- To evaluate pre-feasibility, feasibility studies done by others, where applicable;
- To secure annual technical assistance financing for conducting pre-feasibility, feasibility studies and preparation of relevant bidding documents;
- To seek appraisal for VGF for PPP projects;
- To propose for approval of various laws, rules, regulations, model documents, guidelines, procedures for general use and use for specific types of PPP projects;
- To support line ministries/implementing agencies in tendering and selection of investors;
- To undertake awareness creation activities and build capacity in line ministries and implementing agencies on PPP affairs;
- To monitor PPP projects including the linked components;
- To facilitate risk mitigation measures for private investment; and
- To maintain an up-to-date internet portal with public access to laws, rules, regulations, model documents, and short description and scope of negotiated PPP projects, and secure access to private participants for tracking progress of processing of specific PPP projects.

### Remuneration and benefits

The incumbent will receive an internationally competitive benefit package, including attractive salary, annual bonus, education grant for children, medical and housing allowance, annual leave and full time transport facilities.

### Closing date

To apply for this position, please forward your CV to the following address on or before 22 November 2010.

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