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United England

down under

England flew into Australia ahead of the

upcoming Ashes series on Saturday, arriving

quietly confident about ending a 24-year

English drought on Australian soil, but expect-

in Perth, where they will play their opening

three-day tour match against Western

captain to win the Ashes on Australian turf

home team, but believes his team is in much

better nick than when it suffered a hugely

embarrassing 5-0 whitewash on its last visit to

solidarity and depth in his squad, as well as the

absence of some all-time Australian greats who

plane, a relaxed Strauss said his side was in

good shape for the defence of the Ashes title

tight unit and we don't rely on one or two play-

Strauss has been buoyed by the blend of

Speaking shortly after stepping off the

"Our greatest strength is that we are a pretty

"All 11 guys have been putting their hands a good job.

Strauss is aiming to become the first English

He expects a spirited performance from the

Australia, starting Friday at the WACA.

Australian shores in 2006-07.

picked England apart four years ago.

Led by captain Andrew Strauss, they arrived

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Handball Stadium nearby on the day.

Cricket

ing a tough battle.

since 1986-87.

they won in 2009.

ers," he said.

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Akbar.

the Iranian coach.

doesn't matter to me whether

I score, rather it is more impor-

tant to me that Abahani win

the game," said Abahani's

long-serving striker, who has

generally played behind the

strikers in the past season, but

was put up front under the

guidance of Iranian coach Ali

Awudu also praised high of

"He is the best coach I ever

had in Abahani and actually

he was the inspiration to play

better in the final," Awudu

said. "The discipline was the

hinted that he might not be

coming back to Abahani from

next season, concentrating

Europe. He did however con-

However, the trusty striker

key behind the success."

AFP, Perth

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### Kenya hire Rhodes

AFP, Nairobi

South African great Jonty Rhodes has accepted to work as a specialist consultant for the Kenya national team in their preparations for the World Cup, Kenyan cricket officials said on Friday.

The 41-year-old Rhodes, once regarded as the world's greatest fielder, will assist Kenyan national coach Eldine Baptiste during a proposed three-week training camp at the High Performance centre in Pretoria next month.

"He will use his expertise in batting and fielding, particularly in one day cricket, to hone the squad's skills in this areas," said Tom Sears, Cricket Kenya chief executive officer.

"Jonty has tremendous experience and is now one of the most innovative and highly sought after specialist coaches in World cricket so this is a real coup for Cricket Kenya," he added.

After his retirement in 2003, Rhodes worked as a fielding coach in the South African national cricket team before he joined the Indian Premier League side, Mumbai Lions as their fielding coach in March 2009.

Sears said Kenya was keen to get Rhodes involved in the team's final weeks of preparations for the 2011 world Cup in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

## Davydenko bites dust

REUTERS, Montpellier

Top seed Nikolay Davydenko slumped to a 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 defeat by Spain's Albert Montanes in the quarterfinals of the Open Sud de France on Friday.

Montanes will face Ivan Ljubicic for a place in the final after the Croatian fourth seed beat Finn Jarkko Nieminen 4-6, 6-3, 7-6.

The other semifinal will be an all-French meeting between second seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who beat compatriot Gilles Simon 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, and Gael Monfils, a 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 winner against American John Isner.

Russian Davydenko hit 15 aces in a two-hour and 20minute tussle in southern France but Montanes stood firm on his service games after dropping the opening set, winning the two tiebreaks 7-3

and 7-4. Davydenko, the world number 11, is still hoping to snatch one of the three remaining spots for the season-ending Masters.

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will not be heard during the current hearing.

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faithful.

**TEAMS** 

The best custodian in the

country gathered the ball out

of the net and soon the final

whistle was blown, to the

euphoria of the Sky Blues

ABAHANI: Ziaur Rahman,

Mamun Miah, Samad Yussif,

Ashraf Ahmed Lincoln,

Mohiuddin Ibnul Siraji (Amit

Khan Shuvro), Pranotosh

Kumar Das, Yusif Aminu,

Imtiaz Sultan Jitu (Habibur

Rahman Shohag), Mehedi

Hassan Uzzal (Arup Kumar

Baidya), Awudu Ibrahim,

SHEIKH JAMAL DHAN-

MONDI CLUB: Aminul

Haque, Rezaul Karim, Zahid

Hasan Emily (Towhidul Alam

Sabuj), Enamul Haque, Waly

Faisal (Dragon Perisic),

Nasirul Islam, Mintu Sheikh,

Ahmed), Zahid Hossain,

Atiqur Rahman Meshu,

Ntim Twum Frank.

Mamunul Islam.

The ICC code stipulates a minimum five year ban if

charges of corruption are proved. The commission is

expected to announce a decision on the players' appeals on Sunday in a ruling that cannot be further challenged.

Salman's lawyer Gul Friday said he expected a fair hearing. "We are going for justice in

their court," said Gul, who played six Tests for Pakistan instead on making a career in between 1969-71. "We can't pre-empt what fess to a dream of coming back

decision they give, it's their to the Sky Blues as a coach in discretion, but our case is very the future. good. There is no strong evi-"It was exciting to score in dence against Salman on the the final and I am really enjoybasis of which we can say that ing the moment," said he should remain suspended." Ghanaian striker Frank adding Pakistan Cricket Board said

that the team of Abahani was the players will be readily very good in terms of working available if their provisional together. suspension is lifted.

He also believes Abahani will triumph in the coming

Awudu's dream professional league and Super

always tried to put my best. It Cup. Coach Ali Akbar was ecstatic after achieving success in his first assignment and it was seen that he was capturing the applause of the Abahani players, officials and supporters with his mobile

"I am very happy to be a success in the first assignment and it was tough to fine tune the players in a period of just one month and the credit must go to them since they were really good and followed my instructions on the game," said Akbar adding that the professional attitude was the

key behind this success. Despite taking the lead on two occasions, Sheikh Jamal saw Abahani level the margin on the next minute and Serbian coach Zoran Kraljevic believed the lack of concentration sank his side.

"After the previous six matches and 90 minutes of this game the players looked dead and a lack of concentra-

tion sank us in the game. "If you want to play football you must need full concentration," said a disappointed Kraljevic, who was seen exchanging heated words with

goalkeeper Aminul Haq after

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the wooden floor gymnasium at the Paltan Maidan yesterday. She also inaugurated the

up and certainly in the crucial periods.

and you need all 11 to be performing.

world rankings.

"We can't afford any passengers in our side

The sides first go head-to-head in Brisbane

on November 25, with Australia looking to

reverse a slump in form which has seen them

lose three successive Tests and slip to fifth in the

running best and plays the best cricket in the

crucial periods," Strauss said, adding that

"there is a relaxed excitement about the group."

soil everything is a bit more at the forefront of

our minds about what lies ahead of us and what

McGrath, Shane Warne and company has

dominated past Ashes series, Strauss

said he believed the English attack was

their trump card this time, capable of

"Our bowling unit has done well in England

"The challenges here will be very different.

they have complemented each other quite well.

a great threat, when it is swinging Jimmy

Anderson has been outstanding in the last 12

months and on wickets that have been a bit

bouncy Steve Finn and Stuart Broad have done

"What I like about our bowling unit is that

"When it is turning Graeme Swann has been

massive opportunities there are."

performing in all conditions.

over the summer," he said.

"Now we have touched down on Australian

Where the Australian attack of Glenn

"It will come down to who hits the ground

the game. Aminul, who was apparently blamed for conceding the last two goals, replied immediately to the query of coach. "There was no body to check their forwards and it

was not my mistakes." Kraljevic was however happy to see the pace of the game from both side.

Sheikh Jamal striker Enamul Haq put his side ahead twice before Mamunul Islam struck the third and the former Abahani striker looked so disappointed after going

"I have nothing to say. I just tried to obey my duties and responsibilities," Enamul said. "It was not possible to do anything until you get fair refereeing on the pitch."

Enamul alleged that the refereeing was hostile from the beginning of the tournament and urged the BFF technical committee to go through

with the matter. Abahani left-back Ashraf Mahmud Lincoln was named man-of-the-final while Sheikh Jamal striker Enamul Haq was adjudged player-of-thetournament for his six goals in seven matches.

suspended play for one hour.

Crane is being tracked

"I bogeyed the first hole. Hit a

closely by Pettersson who

bogeved his first hole but hit

seven birdies to snatch second

good nine iron and flew the

green. It wasn't a great start. But

I made some good birdies ... and

played a good back nine to get

spoton 199.

### Siddikur keeps soaring Lightning late in the day

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Siddikur, who in August became the first Bangladeshi to win an Asian tour event, said he had great fun on the course after hitting four birdies in the back nine.

"This is a major tournament for me. I am enjoying to play with PGA Tour players. I am looking forward to another good round Sunday," he said.

Siddikur, who had another mixed day with his putting, said his love and passion for the sport fuelled his ambition to win.

"My father was a seasonal worker. I come from a really poor family. I got involved in a golf club to pay for my studies. I was a seven-year-old boy when I

tookup golf," he said. Siddikur said he would attend the US PGA qualifying school next year in a bid to

bolster his skills.

Abdul Baten Kamol (Shakil Recalling his introduction to playing the sport he said: "Dur-

ing that time, it was hard to get equipment as it was expensive. Golfwasn't popular.

"We had to make something like that to play golf. The seven iron head was a broken club from someone.

"We collected the head and then made up the club. I used a metal rod and stuck it to the clubhead. That was how I started," he said.

Meanwhile, Crane carded a five under 66, handing him a 16under 197, to snatch a comfortable lead.

Crane, playing in Malaysia for the first time, fired six birdies to edge closer to winning the six million dollar event which concludes on Sunday.

"I'm at a stage when I'm trying to learn more about what I'm doing," he said.

I'm pretty excited with where my game is at. I've been working hard on getting my mind on the right place."

myself back in the tournament," he said. Petterson, 35, who won the

2010 Canadian Open, fired a five-under 66. He carded 65 and 68 in the earlier rounds. The tournament features

only the leading 25 golfers from the PGA Tour's FedExCup standings, along with the top 10 players from the Asian Tour and five sponsor exemptions.

The competition finishes on Sunday promising an exciting day ahead for Crane and the chasing pack.

# Proteas take lead

Cricket

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Paceman Lonwabo Tsotsobe took four wickets and Jacques Kallis hit an unbeaten fifty to help a disciplined South Africa down Pakistan by eight wickets in the first one-day match here on Friday.

Tsotsobe took a career-best 4-27 off his ten tight overs to trigger a middle-order collapse and helped South Africa dismiss Pakistan for 203 before Kallis (66 retired hurt) saw off the target with 9.3 overs to spare.

The modest target was never beyond South Africa's reach after Pakistan batsmen once again failed to take advantage of a good start on a flat Abu Dhabi Stadium, much to the disappointment of a 10,000 holiday crowd. The 35-year-old Kallis, back after missing

the limited over series against Zimbabwe at home and South Africa's 2-0 win in the Twenty20 series which finished here on Wednesday due to injury, was at his usual best.

He steadied the South African innings through a solid 77-run stand with AB de Villiers, who also hit an attractive 51, after Graeme Smith (18) retired due to a finger injury and Hashim Amla dismissed for a well-made 35.

paceman Abdul Razzaq, added another 41 runs with Jean-Paul Duminy (10 not out) to give South Africa a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Kallis, who hit five boundaries and a six off

With just 16 needed for win Kallis suffered cramps and retired. The second match will be played here on Sunday. Johan Botha praised South African bowlers.

"At one point Pakistan was well set at 140-1 but the bowlers stuck to their task and got us nine wickets for 63 runs and that proved decisive," said Botha, who singled out man-of-thematchTsotsobe.

Pakistan coach Waqar Younis was critical of 2-42) his batsmen.

a middle order collapse, like we had in the

Twenty20s, so we need to lift our batting because South Afica will get tougher and tougher," said Waqar.

Earlier, 26-year-old Tsotsobe took 4-27 put brackes on Pakistan's innings who lost their last eight wickets for a mere 46 runs after winning

the toss and deciding to bat. Tsotsobe, who took five wickets in the two Twenty20 matches, rocked the Pakistan middle-order with a burst of three wickets off just

nine balls during his second four-over spell. Tsotsobe's effort backed by disciplined spin bowling by Johan Botha (2-40) derailed Pakistan after Mohammad Hafeez (68) and returning Younis Khan (54) put on 114 for the

second wicket. Tsotsobe removed opener Asad Shafiq (19) in the eighth over before Younis -- returning to the side after being cleared by Pakistan Cricket Board last month following a ban on discipline violation, joined Hafeez in a damage repair act.

Hafeez hit seven boundaries during his 84ball sixth one-day fifty before cutting Botha straight into the hands of Charl Langeveldt. Four overs later, Younis was trapped leg-before by Botha.

Younis hit two boundaries during his 75-ball knock.

Tsotsobe's triple strike followed as he removed Misbahul Haq (14), Shahid Afridi (one) and Abdul Razzaq (two) to complete Pakistan's slide on a similar pattern of Twenty20 matches in which they were restricted to 119 and 120-9.

Tsotsobe's previous best bowling figures were 4-50 against Australia on his one-day debut at Perth last year. SCORES IN BRIEF

Younis 54, Shafiq 19, Misbah 14; Tsotsobe 4-27, Botha 2-40, Langeveldt 2-47) SOUTH AFRICA: 207 for 2 in 39.3 (Kallis 66, De

PAKISTAN: 203 all out in 49 overs (Hafeez 68,

Villiers 51, Amla 35, Smith 18, Ingram 12; Ajmal Result: South Africa won by eight wickets.

"We had just one good partnership and then Man-of-the-match: Lonwabo Tsotsobe. Umpires: Asad Rauf and Rodney Tucker.

# Elena calls it quits

Tennis

REUTERS, Doha

2ND ODI TODAY

SA in Smith,

Kallis scare

South African one-day and

Test captain Graeme Smith is

undergoing treatment after

injuring his left hand, but

escaped without a fracture,

The 29-year-old left-

handed batsman was hit

several times by Pakistani

paceman Shoaib Akhtar

during the first of five one-

day internationals which

South Africa comfortably

won by eight wickets here on

that there are no new frac-

tures to his left hand, only

soft tissue swelling and

boney contusion. The team

physiotherapist will reassess

his injury in the next day or

two," team manager

Mohammed Moosajee said

field after scoring 18. South

Africa successfully chased a

modest 204-run target to take

Kallis, 34, had to be con-

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gered his initial bout of

nausea and dizziness and

this led to the severe dehy-

dration and cramping, said

series which South Africa

won 2-0 on Wednesday.

Kallis missed the Twenty20

The second match will

be played here on Sunday.

South Africa will also play

two Tests -- one each in

Dubai and Abu Dhabi --

during the series shifted to

United Arab Emirates due to

a 1-0 lead in the series.

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an official said Saturday.

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Elena Dementieva, who won gold at the 2008 Olympic Games, called time on her 12year tennis career on Friday and said it felt like the "end of the world."

The 29-year-old Russian stunned the crowd at the WTA Championships by announcing her retirement from the middle of the court at the Khalifa Tennis Complex after losing her final group game to Francesca Schiavone.

Dementieva won 16 Tour All-rounder Jacques Kallis, titles and finished runner-up who was carried off the field at the 2004 French and U.S. because of severe cramping Opens, reaching a career-high will also be monitored closely of third in the world rankings in the next 24 hours, the in 2009 and earning more than

in Doha on Friday.

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\$14 million in prize-money. As Kim Clijsters, Vera

tors at the season-ending tournament stood side-byside wiping away tears, Dementieva thanked her fans and paid tribute to her mother and coach Vera. "I would like to thank all the

people around the world for

supporting me," Dementieva

Zvonareva and other competi-

told the crowd. "I'm so emotional and it's so hard to say goodbye." Her compatriot Zvonareva took the microphone and thanked Dementieva for her contribution to sport back

"Russia is proud of you, said Zvonareva. "You have done so much not only for Russian tennis but for sport in Russia. You have been an inspiration, a role model for kids growing up."

Dementieva, making her 10th appearance at the presti-



loss to Italy's Francesca Schiavone in the WTA Championships

Russian tennis player Elena Dementieva holds a crest she was presented with after announcing her retirement following her

gious year-end competition, won two of the first three tournaments this season but struggled with a calf injury that saw her miss Wimbledon. She suffered losses to

Schiavone and world number one Caroline Wosniacki in the Maroon Group in Doha but gave a vintage performance to defeat Sam Stosur on Thursday, which made her decision to retire all the more surprising. "Right now I feel like it's the

end of the world because I really like to play," she told a media conference. "I always wanted to leave

this sport with a passion for it. I never wanted to wait until my ranking dropped and I'm not going to be able to go to the main draw."

the decision to retire at the start of the season and that at 29 she had to explore new

Dementieva said she made

"I think I'm ready for the big change in my life," she said, adding that she would continue to study at university

in Moscow. "It's going to be a completely different life for me.

Tennis has been such a big part of my life and always will be." A proud competitor for Russia in the Fed Cup and at

the Olympic Games, Dementieva said winning the gold medal in Beijing was the pinnacle of her career. "I'm sure I'm going to

remember myself as Olympic champion. That's the best thing that could ever happen in my career," she said. "That was the biggest goal and I'm so proud of that moment."

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE PEOPLE LIVING ADJACENT TO ACTOR AND SINGER JIM MIGHT LOVE TO BE CALLED NABORS' NEIGHBORS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals H