# Kiwis out of jail

Cricket

AFP, Wellington

A five-wicket haul for Tim Southee and a blistering 55 by Jesse Ryder saw New Zealand shatter an 11-match losing streak in style with a nine-wicket win over Pakistan in their one-day match Saturday.

New Zealand were so dominant in

the opening ODI of the sixmatch series that they took just 17.2 overs with the bat to wrap up the match after whipping Pakistan out for 124 at the Westpac Stadium in Wellington.

Under pressure to perform after being whitewashed in successive series against Bangladesh and India, New Zealand rejigged their batting order with swashbuckling opener Brendon McCullum dropped down to number six. The aim was to give New

Zealand strength at the top and tail but McCullum never reached the wicket as his regular opening partner Jesse Ryder carved up the Pakistan attack in a whirlwind reply to an ineffective performance. The only success for Paki-

stan was when captain Shahid Afridi won the toss and opted to bat, their day going downhill from there. The Pakistan innings

lasted just 37.3 overs and the outcome was almost inevitable once Ryder opened up in the fifth over of New Zealand's innings, taking 17 off Shoaib Akhtar including two fours and a six.

He made his 55 in only 34 balls in a batting display which complemented the bowling of 22-year-old Southee, who assumed the role of New Zealand's senior quick for the first time and claimed his first ODI five-wicket bag.

Southee destroyed Pakistan in three spells in which he ripped out the top order, came back to break up the middle and returned again to wrap up the innings.

His figures of five for 33 from 9.3 overs were backed up by three for 26 for Hamish Bennett, playing in only his third ODI and first at home, and two for 33 by the veteran Jacob Oram.

Only Misbahul Haq produced an innings of substance for Pakistan, reaching 50 before he was bowled by Southee to end the innings.



New Zealand's five-wicket hero Tim Southee celebrates the wicket of Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi (not in picduring the first ODI at the Westpac Stadium in Wellington yesterday.

> But the New Zealand openers Ryder and Martin Guptill showed there were no demons in the wicket as they put on 84 in 10 overs before Ryder's departure.

Ryder brought up his 50 edging Abdul Razzaq for a single and in the following over took a single off Sohail Tanvir before attempting to pick up the pace again.

He smacked another four and then went for back-to-back boundaries only to pull the ball straight to Asad Shafiq on the mid-wicket boundary.

Guptill, averaging almost a run a ball, made an unbeaten 40 but it was Ross Taylor, promoted to number three in the new-look New Zealand batting line up, who stroked the winning single, finishing on 23.

Pakistan's innings was shaky from the start with Mohammad

Hafeez dropped by McCullum in the first over, but falling soon after when he edged an outswinger from Southee.

It was the start of a penetrating period for Southee in which he took the wickets of Kamran Akmal (eight) and Asad Shafiq (four) to take three for 16 from his first spell of six overs, leaving Pakistan 32-3.

Younis Khan and Misbahul Haq, who provided the backbone of each Pakistan innings in the Tests, set about repairing the situation but had added only 28 for the fourth wicket when Bennett struck.

He had Younis caught behind for 24 and then dismissed Umar Akmal with his next delivery, caught at second slip by Taylor.

Shahid Afridi avoided the hattrick but was dismissed by Southee in his second spell to have Pakistan 88-6 before the quick ended the Pakistan innings in his third turn with the ball by bowling Misbah.

The event got underway The second match in the series is in Queenstown on Wednesday.

#### **SCORES IN BRIEF**

PAKISTAN: 124 (Misbah 50, Younis 24, Afridi 15; Southee 5-33, Bennett 3-26, Oram 2-33)

NEW ZEALAND: 125 for 1 (Ryder 55, Guptill 40 not out, Taylor 23 not out; Tanvir 1-39)

Result: New Zealand won by nine wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Tim Southee.

# hearing

PTI, Lahore

A court has issued a notice to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) in response to an application by fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar seeking an early hearing of his appeal challenging the one and a half year ban and fine of 7 million rupees imposed on him.

The ban and fine were imposed by an appellate tribunal constituted by the PCB.

The Lahore High Court had earlier given interim relief to Akhtar by allowing him to participate in national and international cricket matches by suspending the ban.

The bowler, through his counsel Abid Hasan Manto, informed the High Court yesterday that the PCB's appellate tribunal is not authorised to award such penalties because these were not provided for under the relevant laws.

### Victory Day badminton

SPORTS REPORTER

Young Cricketers emerged champions as the six-day Victory Day Badminton Tournament ended yesterday at Pallabi in the city.

on January 17 with 31 teams participating. In the final at the Lalmath of Pallabi Young Cricketers defeated Nazrul Smriti Academy to win lift the title. Deputy Speaker col (retd)

Shawkat Ali witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes. Sponsor Alhaj Iliasuddin Mollah MP was present during the function.

# Akhtar's plea for early Kim, Andy thru'

AFP, Melbourne

Favourite Kim Clijsters subdued a battling Alize Cornet to reach the Aus-

tralian Open last 16 Saturday, as Andy Murray and Robin Soderling remained in impeccable form.

As women's second seed Vera Zvonareva also progressed, Clijsters was made to work by the awkward Cornet, who fought hard on her 21st birthday but could not prevent the Belgian's 7-6, 6-3 win.

US Open champion Clijsters has a chance to return to world number one, two years after her long break to have a baby, if she wins here and top seed Caroline

through 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 against Jan Hernych.

Milos Raonic, the 20-year-old Canadian with the thunderous serve, shocked 10th seed Mikhail Youzhny to reach the fourth round on debut, and register his first win against a top-10 player.

Croatia's Marin Cilic outlasted fellow five-set specialist John Isner, who played tennis's longest match at Wimbledon last year, 4-6, 6-2, 6-7, 7-6, 9-7 in 4hr 33min.

Meanwhile, Russia's Zvonareva, who could also finish this tournament as world number one, survived a Lucie Safarova fightback to stay on course for her third successive Grand Slam final.

Zvonareva looked set for an easy win



Andy Murray of Britain returns during his Australian Open third round match against Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain in Melbourne yesterday.

Wozniacki falls before the semis. Both Soderling and Murray, the world

number four and five, made it into the second week without dropping a set as they steamed towards a possible quarterfinal showdown. Murray, last year's beaten finalist, dis-

missed Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain 6-1, 6-1, 6-2, as he seeks Britain's first Grand Slam title in 75 years.

Murray, 23, will play either 2006 finalist Marcos Baghdatis or Jurgen Melzer in the next round and may then face a date with in-form Swede Soderling, who cruised

until she tightened up and needed two match points in a tense tie-break before going through 6-3, 7-6 thanks to a forehand error from the Czech.

China's Peng Shuai beat Japan's Ayumi Morita to join compatriot Li Na in the fourth round, stoking hopes they can match Li and Zheng Jie's run to last year's semis. Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska also beat Romanian Simona Halep.

But Czech player Petra Kvitova doused local hopes when she knocked out belowpar French Open finalist Samantha Stosur, the fifth seed, 7-6, 6-3.

AFP, Colombo

Colombo.

**SL** impatient

to test new

Cup venues

Sri Lanka are eager to test the

island's new cricket venues

ahead of next month's World

Cup, skipper Kumar Sanga-

ners-up in the last Cup in

2007, will stage 12 matches of

the showpiece event, in

Hambantota, Pallekele and

"The Premadasa stadium

[in Colombo] hosts most of our

big matches," Sangakkara told

comes to fielding the right

reporters in Colombo.

combinations."

Sri Lanka, who were run-

kkara said on Friday.

## An unforgettable

good season with the bat and with the responsibility of being a vice-captain, I was looking forward to doing well. But unfortunately I could not do well with the bat.

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DSS: Recall your sweetest memory.

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But apart from the cricket, being there in the Caribbean was itself an unforgettable

### I'en years

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Kamal also spoke on the occasion that ended through a cultural programme.

The memorable day of November 10, 2010 had at Dhanmondi.

#### Nadal stays

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The Spaniard quickly broke back when Tomic's concentration lapsed, giving Nadal his chance to strike and trail 4-1.

Tomic was dictating the rallies with the world number one, whose red shirt was saturated by his exertions.

But Nadal clawed back another break after the young Australian doublefaulted on break point and levelled the game scores by winning a 33-shot rally.

Tomic's inexperience cost him a third service break with a forehand error to leave Nadal serving for a two sets to love lead after another intense struggle over 55 minutes.

It took Nadal 12 minutes to fight off four break points in the fourth game of the final set as Tomic refused to give in.

But the Spaniard continued to play at his maximum and wrapped up the contest when he broke Tomic's serve in the ninth game.

Virat Kohli struck a sparkling 87 not out and had a hand in three dismissals but couldn't stop South Africa from winning the fourth one-day international against India at St

Cricket

George's Park on Friday.

South Africa won the rain-affected game

by 48 runs on the Duckworth-Lewis method

to level the five-match series at two-all,

making Sunday's final match at Centurion

ing an unbeaten 71 and leading a recovery

the toss while India were struggling at 142 for

didn't work but we managed to show a lot of

skill and determination to get to a good

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni

On Sunday's decider, he added: "The

said: "If we had restricted them to 240 we

team that handles the pressure better will

six after 32.5 overs when rain ended play.

South African captain Graeme Smith.

would have fancied our chances."

after the hosts suffered a top order collapse.

JP Duminy was South Africa's star, mak-

South Africa scored 265 for six after winning

"We needed to play well tonight," said

AFP, Port Elizabeth

the decider.

total."

tournament before the World Cup involving Namibia and Canada where I scored a hundred which is a good memory.

which is such an exotic place, experience for us.

BCB president AHM Mustafa

passed almost silently except the initiative taken by some former and current national cricketers who organised a colourful ceremony to mark the decade in Test cricket on November 12

## 'Vamos' causes uproar

AP, Melbourne

come out on top."

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"Vamos!" shouted the Indian doubles player. His Spanish-speaking opponents were clearly not amused.

Tennis etiquette was put aside yesterday in the Australian Open during a heated doubles match between India's Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi and Spain's Feliciano Lopez, who was playing with Juan Monaco of Argentina.

The No. 3-seeded Indian pair won the second-round match 7-6, 6-4. Match officials stepped in to calm the players after the match, when the two teams approached the net, arguing and angrily gesticulating. The losing team then snubbed the Indians by not shaking both their hands.

Lopez later told reporters that Paes was "trying to provoke us all the time."

"At one point, we were a little bit tired of the style he was using on the court, and that's all that happened," Lopez said.

Lopez did not specify which point, but the Indians say he intentionally hit a serve aimed at Paes, who jumped out of the way

to avoid being hit. "There was one serve fired at Leander," Bhupathi said. "We're all professionals, I

Peterson, enabling AB de Villiers to make a smart stumping. India had lost their first three wickets for 49 runs, with Smith taking a sensational catch to dismiss Yuvraj Singh, who topedged a lap shot against off-spinner Johan

Botha. Smith raced from slip to hold a diving

balls with seven fours and two sixes.

catch at short leg. **SCORES IN BRIEF** 

on the board.

"We had a few moments where our brains SOUTH AFRICA: 265 for 7 (Duminy 71 not out, Amla 64, Botha 44, Peterson 31; Yuvraj 3-43, Nehra 1-27)

> INDIA: 142 for 6 in 32.5 overs (Kohli 87 not out, Raina 20; Tsotsobe 2-25, Peterson 2-46, Morkel 1-13)

> Result: South Africa won by 48 runs on the Duckworth-Lewis method.

Man-of-the-match: JP Duminy.

don't think he would have missed [the

service box] by that much." The Indian team was openly amused by the antics in their post-match news conference. Bhupathi blamed the tension on their opponents' "not being in a happy place" because they were losing. And because it was a hot summer day.

"It's hot out there, we're trying to beat each other. A few unnecessary things were said," Bhupathi added, smiling. "The crowd loved it. We got into it."

"They probably were not happy that we used the word 'Vamos'," Bhupathi conceded. "Small things like that added up. Kept adding to their frustration that we were playing good tennis."

"Vamos!" -- Spanish for "let's go!" -- is commonly used by Spanish-speaking players and their fans. "It's just one of the words I like to use,"

Paes said, adding that Spanish speaking players have taken offence to it in the past. "Nobody has a patent on it." Paes added that they do not intend to

censor themselves in the next round, where they face Spaniards Tommy Robredo and Marcel Granollers, the No. 13-seeded team.

Tournament officials did not immediately comment.



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