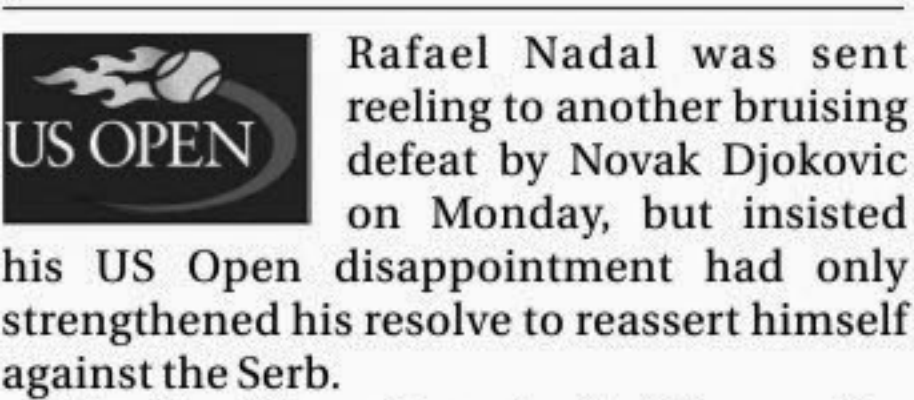


# Mission Djokovic for Nadal

AFP, New York



Rafael Nadal was sent reeling to another bruising defeat by Novak Djokovic on Monday, but insisted his US Open disappointment had only strengthened his resolve to reassert himself against the Serb.

"I go back home knowing that I am on the way," said Nadal, who beat Djokovic in the 2010 final at Flushing Meadows to complete a career Grand Slam but has had no answer for him in Djokovic's transcendent 2011 season.

Djokovic's 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3/7), 6-1 victory was his sixth of the year over Nadal. All six came in finals, including the title matches at Wimbledon and the US Open.

"Six straight losses, for sure that's painful," the 25-year-old Spaniard said. "But I'm going to work every day until that changes. So I have a goal, an easy goal for me now.

"It's going to be tough to change the situation, but the goal is easy to see."

One thing Nadal knows must improve is his serve, which he said wasn't up to standard on Monday.

He was broken 11 times -- six more than the five times he was broken in all seven matches of the 2010 US Open.

"My serve was bad tonight, that's the truth," said Nadal, who struggled to get his first serve in play.

"My serve has to come back to another level. I don't think I need an ace or a game-

winner serve, but a lot of times I started the point in a worse position than him when I was serving. That's tough."

Since winning a sixth French Open title, Nadal endured a difficult summer.

He lost his world number one ranking to Djokovic after the Serb's triumph at Wimbledon and suffered early exits at Montreal and Cincinnati in the build-up to the final Grand Slam of the year.

At Flushing Meadows, he created a sensation when he was stricken with leg cramps at a post-match press conference and was thrust into controversy when he joined Andy Murray and Andy Roddick in protesting to organisers over being sent out to play on rain-slicked courts.

Nevertheless, Nadal said he couldn't be disappointed in a season that included a 10th Grand Slam title, even if he couldn't match his three Grand Slams of 2010.

"I am not that one that feels that reaching the final is a bad result," he said. "I don't consider myself that good. I fight to be always there.

"I appreciate the result. Final is fantastic result. Winning 10 Grand Slams -- this year I won another one, Roland Garros.

"It's smart to accept the losses with the same calm as the victories, and keep working without thinking about the past.

"I was in the final of Wimbledon, final of US Open. I go back to Spain more happy today than after the Wimbledon final, because after here I think I am on the right way to trying to beat him."

# Turner points at the gap

SPORTS REPORTER

It was always going to be an uphill task for the GP-BCB National Cricket Academy side during the BCB Cup and head coach Ross Turner believes that there is a marked difference between his youngsters and the rest.

After their 56-run defeat against Bangladesh A yesterday, Turner took a long time in explaining to his batsmen what they forgot during the defeat as well as their six-wicket loss against the national team.

"The most important rule of batting is to bat out the overs; that's the golden rule. They weren't following this message and it was evident in the scoreboard," said Turner.

"It was a good bowling effort, especially from the spinners Sanjamul Islam and Sohag Gazi who were very good. But we also dropped catches and if you give these players a chance, you might not get a second one," he added.

The man who joined as head coach on May has overseen some interesting times including a tour to South Africa as well as stints from specialist coaches (Alan Campbell and Geoff Lawson) but this is the toughest test for the 2011 Academy graduates so far.

"It is a fair comment that the quality of attack they faced yesterday [Monday] was better. It was a on a wicket that offered pace and bounce and the national team pace bowlers exploited it very well. We weren't up to the standard," said Turner, adding that Tuesday's defeat was triggered by the loss of Tasamul Haque and Mominul Haque who were building a solid platform but failed to add more to their 40-run second wicket stand.

After the duo fell by the 17th over, Turner's team never recovered and were bowled out for 151 runs.

Academy take on Bangladesh A in their next match on Friday.

# Emily, Mithun

FROM PAGE 16 Both Emily and Mithun believe the punishments that has been taken is too severe for their crime.

"Keeping us outside the reception team that accorded reception to Lionel Messi and Argentina team was a big punishment for us and we did not expect any more punishment as we repeatedly apologised for our misdeed," said Emily.

Mithun also echoed the sentiment of Emily and said they were given enough punishment to keep them out of the reception team and fresh punishment was not what they were expecting.

"We apologised to the nation for our mistakes. Then both of us, me and Emily scored against Lebanon that helped us win the match. The fresh punishment is too much for us but we have to accept it anyway," said Mithun.

# King of 2011

FROM PAGE 16 To mobilize my back as well and some cramps in the leg," said Djokovic, who had grabbed at his back after several overhand shots and serves.

"I felt the most discomfort and pain with my serve, so I tried to go more for the precision rather than for speed," said the Serb, forced to spin in deliveries at about 90 miles per hour.

"I had to make the points very short, because it's obvious that he is the one that's physically fitter than me on the court today after the third set was done.

"I knew that and I had to go for my shots, and I did."

Nadal was gracious in his praise of Djokovic.

"This season he's (been) fantastic. His level is really, really high," 10-time major winner Nadal told reporters after congratulating the winner on the court.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed now. But this guy's done unbelievable things. So just congratulate Novak. What you did this year is probably impossible to repeat."

# Cook, Trott pick top awards

Cricket

AFP, London

England batsmen Alastair Cook and Jonathan Trott were named respectively Test player of the year and player of the year at a ceremony hosted by the sport's governing body the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday.

Cook, the 26-year-old opener who was appointed one day captain after the World Cup this year -- shone during the year peaking with a masterly 294 in the third Test victory over India in August, though, that fell outside the time frame for the award.

It was his third test century in six matches and 19th in all and is now just three shy of England's all-time record Test century total.

It represents quite a turnaround in the genial Cook's fortunes as a year ago he was close to being dropped before reviving his career with a hundred against Pakistan at The Oval.

It proved to be the springboard for a triumphant tour of Australia where he scored 766 runs, including three centuries, as England won the Ashes 3-1.

During the performance period, he played 12 Tests and in 18 innings, he compiled 1,302 runs at an average of 51.74, including six centuries and four half-centuries.

His highest score of 235 not out against Australia at Brisbane helped his team towards series victory as it won the Ashes away from home for the first time since the 1986-87 season.

The independent voting academy of 25 cricket experts put Cook first, ahead of an impressive group of players that had been short-listed, including England team-mates Trott and James Anderson, as well as Jacques Kallis of South Africa, who previously won this award in 2005.

"I think the highlight of year was when we won in Sydney, to beat Australia and Chris Tremlett to take that final wicket it was truly a great year," said Cook.

"This award is about the rest of the team not just me."

The ICC later named Trott as their cricketer of the year.

"I never envisaged winning this award and it's a brilliant feeling to be recognised," Trott said.

Trott, who alongside Cook was a bedrock of England's victory in Australia last winter with 445 runs, took the award ahead of fellow short-list nominees Sachin Tendulkar and Hashim Amla.

After receiving the award at a dinner, Trott spoke of his delight at an accolade that honoured not just his but England's achievements over the last 12 months.

Asked for his favourite memory, the South Africa-born

batsman had no hesitation nominating not one of his innings but his run-out of Australia's Simon Katich on the first morning of the second Test in Adelaide.

"That run-out in the first over of the game -- it was the first time I've ever got to run around a cricket field like a football striker scoring a goal," he said.

"That was the best highlight for me -- although I have to say as a team Melbourne was special."

It was at the MCG that England retained the Ashes.

**List of International Cricket Council (ICC) award winners announced here on Monday:**

**Player:** Jonathan Trott (ENG)

**Test:** Alastair Cook (ENG)

**One-day:** Kumar Sangakkara (SRI)

**Women:** Stafanie Taylor (WIS)

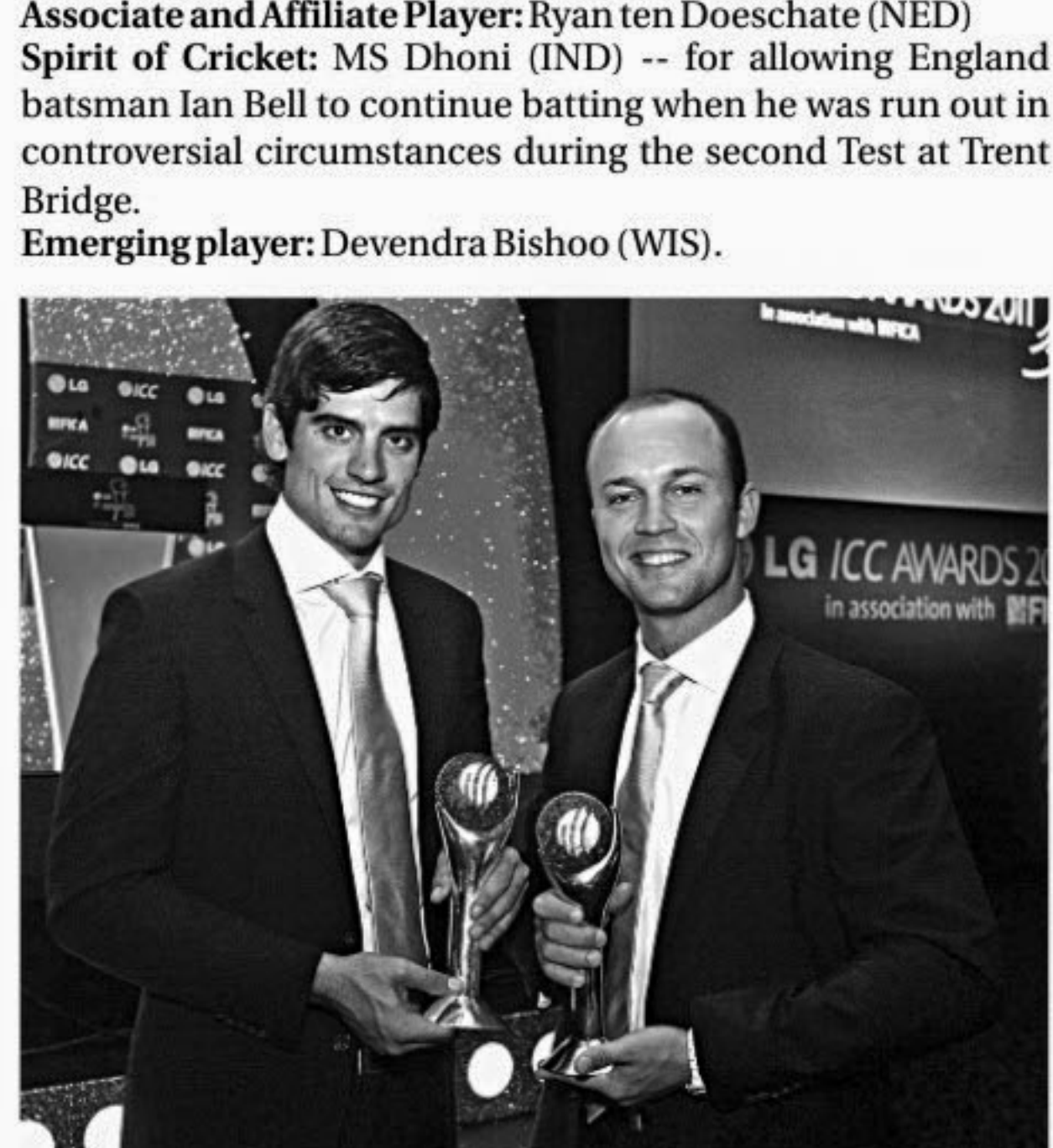
**Umpire:** Aleem Dar (PAK)

**Twenty20 performance:** Tim Southee (NZL) -- for taking 5-18 v Pakistan

**Associate and Affiliate Player:** Ryan ten Doeschate (NED)

**Spirit of Cricket:** MS Dhoni (IND) -- for allowing England batsman Ian Bell to continue batting when he was run out in controversial circumstances during the second Test at Trent Bridge.

**Emerging player:** Devendra Bishoo (WIS).



England pair Alastair Cook, the 2011 ICC Test player of the year (L), and Jonathan Trott, the cricketer of the year, pose with their awards at the ICC Awards in London on Monday.

PHOTO: INTERNET

# Serena escapes with fine

AFP, New York

Serena Williams on Monday escaped with a fine of just \$2,000 for her US Open final rant, when she launched an angry tirade against the chair umpire in Sunday's title match.

The American, who was under a Grand Slam probation for another outburst at the tournament in 2009, could have faced a ban if officials had deemed Sunday's tirade in the final, that she lost to Samantha Stosur, to be a "major offence" under the Grand Slam code of conduct.

Williams was handed a code violation by umpire Eva Asderaki after the first game of the second set against Stosur, when she had been docked a point for "intentional hindrance" when she screamed 'C'mon' before Stosur had a chance to put her racquet on the ball in a rally.

# First Division cricket from October 23

SPORTS REPORTER

The First Division Cricket League will start from October 23, and the inter-club player's transfer for the league will be held on September 28 and September 29.

The decisions were taken in a meeting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last Sunday.

# Roxy, eight young booters summoned

SPORTS REPORTER

Coach Mahbub Hossain Roxy and eight U-19 footballers were verbally warned by the National Team Management Committee at the BFF House yesterday.

The accused coach and eight members of the camp were earlier expelled from the national camp by head coach Nikola Ilievski on Sunday.

Yesterday Roxy and the eight players were summoned before the NTMC and were asked to explain their apathy during the training.

"As part of disciplinary action, we have warned them not to repeat such misdeed in future," said NTMC chairman Badal Roy.

Roxy said there was a communication gap between him and Nikola, who had ordered him to train the eight players. However, the players lacked eagerness to train after being dropped from the warm-up game.

BFF vice president Roy also informed that NTMC would now take care of four teams U-19, U-21, U-22 and the national team -- in line with recommendations from head coach Nikola Ilievski.

"The four national teams will be kept in practice round the year and they will play warm-up matches among themselves," said Roy adding that they would propose BFF executive committee to bring a trainer from abroad.

He also informed that three BFF coaches would be engaged in each of four teams while Nikola Ilievski would play the role of head coach to all four teams.

The national U-19 team has been training at BKSP for the AFC U-19 Qualifiers to be held in Bangladesh in October and the national U-21 team will be sent to BKSP for 10 days to play five practice matches against U-19.

Afterwards, the U-19 team will play another five practice matches against U-22 team which will also be geared up under the guidance of Ilievski.

# Stunning Novak

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Things, however, are not all the same with Nadal.

Last year en route to the title, he lost five service games and credited improvement there for finally figuring out how to win the only major he hadn't captured. In this tournament, he lost 24, including 11 in the final. Against Djokovic, Nadal won only 52 percent of the points in which he got his first serve in. He faced 26 break points. Against an opponent who spent most of the night painting lines, this was not a winning formula.

"A lot of times I started the point in worse position than him when I was serving," Nadal said. "So that's tough."

Every time Djokovic hit one of those huge returns, it was hard not to think back to Saturday, when, facing two match points against Federer in the semifinals, he turned on Federer's serve, taking a chance and pounding it back for a clean, forehand winner shot already being touted as one of the single greatest the game has seen.

# The M factor

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about Napoli dangerman Edinson Cavani and who warned Monday that "the first group game is always difficult."

For United, coach Sir Alex Ferguson has the advantage of having conquered the terrain twice - while the Scot will be hellbent on narrowing the gap in quality which Barcelona exposed in last May's final.

Ferguson will certainly not underestimate Benfica of all clubs - the Portuguese may have lost that 1968 final to a United side including George Best and Bobby Charlton but they embarrassed United in the 2005/06 season in knocking them out of the group stage - 40 years after Best had first destroyed the Eagles in the Stadium of Light.

Armed with that knowledge he is set to send out an experienced side compared with the youthful charges who have taken the Premier League by storm with 18 goals in four games - Tom Cleverley will definitely miss out after he suffered ligament damage.

Group C rivals Basel and Romanians Otetul Galati face off in Switzerland.

Bayern have in contrast racked up four wins in five league games and thrashed Freiburg 7-0 at the weekend.

# ICC okays new qualifying system for World Cup

Cricket

AFP, London

Cricket's governing body the International Cricket Council (ICC) approved a new system of qualifying for the 2015 World Cup here on Monday.

It is a result of a humiliating U-turn by the ICC after they had originally announced that the 2015 tournament would be just contested by the 10 Test-playing countries.

However, following a negative reaction to that they have decided to organise qualifying which will see four second tier countries end up fighting out the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

There will be a new 50-over league introduced which will serve as the qualifying programme for the World Cup.

The top two teams in the eight team 50-over league will qualify automatically for the World Cup and the remainder of the teams will be joined by the teams finishing third and fourth in the World Cricket League Division 2.

The top two teams will compete in the new League to decide the remaining two qualifiers. The event will take place at a venue and on a date still to be decided.

Ireland coach Phil Simmons was delighted with the announcement as his side would be among the favourites to fill one of the spots -- they have a rich recent World Cup pedigree having beaten Pakistan four years ago and then England this year in the group stages.

"It certainly gives all the one-day games in

the league some extra spice, and there's sure to be some high-pressure games as the league progresses," said Simmons.

The competition has already begun, and Ireland are up and running.

ICC Chief Executive Haroon Lorgat said that this system would enable all countries no matter what level they were at the moment.

While the 2015 World Cup will be a 14-team competition the 2019 World Cup will be a scaled-down 10-team event, with the top eight places being awarded to the top-ranked teams and two berths being awarded in a pre-qualifying tournament.

# ODI at Ctg

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West Indies will arrive in Dhaka on October 4 to play one T20, three ODIs and two Test matches while Pakistan's visit will be from November 26 to December 22, also to play a T20, three ODIs and two Tests matches against the Tigers.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarkar presided over the meeting held at the Youth and Sports Ministry conference room at the secretariat.

The ICC Women's World Cup qualifiers will be held in November in Dhaka. Ten teams - Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Zimbabwe, Japan, USA, Ireland, Netherlands, West Indies and host Bangladesh will take part in the event.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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