



Maria Kirilenko of Russia plays a backhand return against US Open champion Samantha Stosur of Australia during their second round singles match at the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# Early exit for Stosur

Tennis

AFP, Tokyo

World number one Caroline Wozniacki launched her defence of her Pan Pacific title with a win over three sets as US Open champion Samantha Stosur crashed out of the event on Tuesday.

Wozniacki, top seed from Denmark, squeezed through to a 6-1, 6-7 (4/7), 6-3 win over Jarmila Gajdosova of Australia in the final match of the day.

The 27-year-old Stosur, playing her first match since claiming her first Grand Slam title two weeks ago, fell victim to Maria Kirilenko of Russia 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in the second round.

"I had a very tough match in the US Open (against Stosur). Especially in the second set, I had to play the longest tie-break. I knew she is going to be a little bit different," said Kirilenko.

"Every time you win a Grand Slam, it's tough to play next tournament and I had a feeling that I have a chance today. I just took this chance."

Kirilenko, ranked 28th against Stosur's seventh, moved up a service break in the second set, but failed to keep the lead hitting a double fault on a break point to tie at 4-4 before losing the set.

The Russian again lost a service break in the final set to be tied at 4-4, but broke back in the following game to lead 5-4 and made no

mistake as the Australian's backhand shot landed in the net on her second match point.

"I think I was playing really good today, especially in the first set. I was moving fast today from the beginning of the match to the end. I'm just happy with the way I played," said Kirilenko.

Stosur said admitted she had struggled for consistency.

"I think the difference was she stayed mentally very strong from the first point to the last point, while I was kind of up and down," she said.

Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic safely qualified for the next round beating Mandy Minella of Luxembourg 6-2, 6-3 to stay on course for a potential quarter-final match against Maria Sharapova.

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Ninth seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland defeated Angelique Kerber of Germany 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, and Julia Goerges of Germany outclassed Greta Arn of Hungary 6-2, 6-1 set up a match against two-time champion Maria Sharapova.

# Still Mumbai beat T&T

IANS, Bangalore

Mumbai Indians survived a near collapse to beat underdogs Trinidad and Tobago by one wicket in an exciting Champions League Twenty20 tie at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Monday.

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**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
**TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:** 98 (Harbhajan 3-22, Malinga 2-22)  
**MUMBAI INDIANS:** 99 for 9 (Rayudu 36, Rampaul 3-17)  
**Result:** Mumbai Indians won by one wicket.

# Broad hopes

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another week's rest then it's rehabilitation in October. It's an intense rehabilitation programme and I'm looking forward to getting underway."

Broad, son of former England opener and now test umpire Chris, had a successful summer as England overwhelmed India in the one dayers and the test series to replace them as test cricket's number one side.

Broad's most memorable moment of the summer came when he became only the 12th Englishman to take a test hat-trick when he dismissed India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Harbhajan Singh and Praveen Kumar in the second Test.

# Imrul finally

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Razzak, who took three wickets to polish off the BCB Green tail, for company.

Paceman Shahadat was the other player who stood out as the Narayanjan man picked up three wickets while the Academy leggie Tanvir took two.

# BRIEF SCORES

**BCB GREEN:** First innings 281 all out in 105.1 overs (Naeem 95, Mominul 72; Shafiqul 3-42, Razzak 3-10, Rubel 2-57).  
**BCB RED:** First innings 215-7 in 54 overs (Imrul 85, Nasir 40 not out; Shahadat 3-52, Tanvir 2-23).

# Dhaka Metro

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matches, but failed to prove his shooting skills after coming off the bench in the 25th minute.

"I don't know why the coach kept me out of the starting eleven. If I were given the start, I might have played better," said Ilias, who is dreaming of securing a place in the BFF age-level team after becoming the highest scorer of the tournament.

Abid of Dhaka Metropolis School XI was named the player of the tournament.

# KP back for India tour

## Rookie pacer Meaker earns England nod

Cricket

CRICINFO, London

Uncapped Surrey fast bowler, Stuart Meaker, has been called into England's one-day squad for their tour of India next week, after the selectors chose to rest their senior paceman, James Anderson, for the five-match ODI series. Kevin Pietersen, who was rested for the home ODI series against India, as well as the two Twenty20s against West Indies at The Oval, has been recalled.

Meaker is yet another player to have been born in South Africa, but like his fellow Surrey seamer, Jade Dernbach, he learnt his cricket in England, in his case at Cranleigh School in Surrey. He has spent the last two winters on the ECB's Fast Bowling Programme, and made his debut for England Lions against Sri Lanka A this summer.

The Warwickshire allrounder Chris Woakes has also been called into the squad, along with the Durham legspinner, Scott Borthwick, who impressed with a spell of 1 for 15 in his four overs against West Indies on Sunday. Anderson, who has had a heavy workload this summer, will be allowed a break from international cricket until the squad travels to the UAE in January for their Test and ODI series against Pakistan, while Durham's Ben Stokes has not been selected so that he can undergo a rehabilitation programme on a finger injury.

Two additional players, Jos Buttler (Somerset) and Alex Hales (Nottinghamshire), will join the squad ahead of the Twenty20 fixture on 29 October, almost certainly to replace the ODI captain, Alastair Cook, and the Test and ODI No. 3, Jonathan Trott. Assuming he recovers from a shoulder injury, Stuart Broad, the Twenty20 captain, will link up with the squad in Kolkata ahead of the one-off fixture on October 29. Otherwise Graeme Swann will continue as captain.

"This squad contains an exciting balance of experienced international

cricketers along with some very talented younger players who can play the high quality limited-overs cricket needed to challenge India," said the national selector, Geoff Miller. "A number of injuries and a decision to omit James Anderson in line with our policy of sensibly managing player workloads give opportunities for other very talented players to continue to develop as international cricketers."

"We had a promising one-day series win over India earlier this month and this squad will be looking forward to the challenge of continuing that success in the sub-continent over the next four weeks," added Miller. "The additions to the squad for the Twenty20 fixture will strengthen the squad and provide Jos Buttler and Alex Hales with valuable experience of playing in the subcontinent."

"Stuart Broad is currently undergoing a period of rehabilitation for a shoulder injury, however he will join the squad in India if he completes his rehabilitation programme ahead of schedule," said Miller. "Graeme Swann will once again lead the Twenty20 side if Stuart is unable to join the squad."

Regardless of how much significance was attached to England's 25-run defeat in the second of those T20s on Sunday, their failure to chase 114 on a turning deck served to emphasise the challenge that confronts the squad in the coming series. Batting against spin bowling on dusty, slow surfaces will -- if India are serious about exacting some measure of revenge for their humbling recent tour -- be the regular formula during the five ODIs and Twenty20 match.

With that in mind, the recall of Pietersen is significant, especially in light of reports that he was set to retire from the limited-overs format. However, a series against India on home soil isn't the best place for complete experimentation, and with Eoin Morgan ruled out until January, England's middle order does need a dose of experience.

Cook and Trott will obviously be included -- and the debate about the

top three won't be far behind -- but without Pietersen the slots from No. 4 to No. 6 would have been a little light on proven ability, despite Ravi Bopara's recent performances and Jonny Bairstow's confident debut.

Pietersen, though, is under some serious pressure. His ODI average over the last two years is 23.30 and his last hundred came against India, at Cuttack, shortly before he lost the captaincy. While his Test and Twenty20 form has recovered, that revival hasn't transferred to 50 overs. Perhaps it's a lack of motivation with ODIs not providing the fulsome challenge of Test cricket or instant thrill of 20 overs. This series could be his last chance to show he really has the hunger to play all three formats. The Pietersen of 2008 would clearly enhance a developing side, but the Pietersen of 2009-2011 is a spare part.

A number of the younger players that were selected against West Indies will be heading to India. Borthwick impressed against West Indies, and has nudged in ahead of Danny Briggs, the Hampshire left-arm spinner, who didn't get a game in those fixtures. It's also an important tour for Samit Patel who needs to put in consistent all-round displays and prove his fitness levels in testing conditions.

The pace attack will once again be without Broad or Anderson, which will give another opportunity to the improving Steven Finn after he regularly touched 90mph towards the end of the season. Bowling in the subcontinent will be another stage in his development but he'll be able to tap into the knowledge of his debut Test series against Bangladesh.

# ODISQUAD

Alastair Cook (captain), Jonathan Bairstow, Ian Bell, Ravi Bopara, Scott Borthwick, Tim Bresnan, Jade Dernbach, Steven Finn, Craig Kieswetter, Stuart Meaker, Samit Patel, Kevin Pietersen, Graeme Swann, Jonathan Trott, Chris Woakes.

Note: Jos Buttler and Alex Hales will join for Twenty20 international.

# Troy interim Aussie coach

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Troy Cooley was Tuesday appointed interim coach for Australia's upcoming tour of South Africa following Tim Nielsen's resignation, but said he was not interested in the position full-time.

"Troy has filled this role successfully in the past and has worked extensively with all players within the Australian set-up," said Cricket Australia (CA) general manager Michael Brown, announcing the decision.

Cooley, 45, is currently head coach at CA's Centre of Excellence in Brisbane, and since 2006 has been the country's bowling coach, as well as its assistant coach for the last two years.

But he will not be applying for the head coach role full-time, with former New Zealand coach Steve Rixon and former Australian Test batsman Justin Langer reportedly in the running for the job.

"Troy has advised that he will not be an applicant for the head coach role, given his significant and important duties at the Centre of Excellence," said Brown.

"This appointment will therefore allow the Australian squad continuity as they

attempt to cement their number one one-day ranking and attempt to climb the ICC Test rankings."

Nielsen, 43, who held the coach job for four years, stepped down last week after declining to reapply for the expanded role of head coach -- a new post recommended by the Argus Review of Australian cricket.

The seven-month review was ordered by the Australian cricket board after the Test team's humiliating 3-1 Ashes series defeat to England this year.

Cooley said he was excited by the challenge.

"I feel excited and comfortable coming into this 'caretaker's role' knowing that Michael Clarke, Shane Watson and Tim Nielsen have been planning this South African campaign for a while now," he said.

"My immediate task will be to come up to speed with their plans and work with the players and support team to ensure the preparation is spot-on for a successful tour."

"My working knowledge of the Australian team and our opposition will no doubt be an asset in the short term as we look to build on the successful tour of Sri Lanka," he added.

As acting coach, Cooley will also be an acting national selector.

# Cavendish to race Paris-Tours

AFP, Paris

Paris-Tours organisers ASO (Amaury Sports Organisation) have invited Mark Cavendish to become the first world road race champion to compete in the French sprinters' classic next month.

Cavendish became only the second Briton, and the first since Tom Simpson in 1965, to win the road race world champion's rainbow stripes in Copenhagen on Sunday.

The 26-year-old from the Isle of Man, who races for HTC-Highroad, has never won the late season French classic but is set to participate in his new rainbow stripes on October 9.

Organisers ASO are hoping Cavendish could buck a recent trend which has seen newly-crowned world champions failing to win the race.

# Platini's Kiev visit protested

Football

AFP, Kiev

Police arrested several Ukrainian feminist activists for staging a topless protest as UEFA chief Michel Platini visited Kiev to check on preparations for the Euro 2012 football championships.

Four activists from FEMEN were arrested after stripping down to their waists and exposing their breasts outside Kiev's main stadium to draw attention to their campaign against sex tourism in Ukraine, an AFP correspondent said.

"FEMEN demands that UEFA initiates an educational programme for football fans (who will travel to Ukraine) about the inadmissibility of sex tourism and the financing of sex tourism," it said in a statement.

Feminists maintain that President Viktor Yanukovich did nothing to help their campaign against sex tourism when he said this year that foreigners should visit Ukraine in spring to see its scantily-

clad "beautiful girls."

Platini, who arrived later at the stadium and did not encounter the naked protestors, expressed satisfaction with Ukraine's efforts ahead of the championships which are being jointly hosted with Poland.

"We are completely reassured and we are awaiting a great Euro 2012 here," he said. "Bravo to all those who have helped building the stadiums, airports," Platini added.

Platini, who had earlier visited other Ukrainian host cities Kharkiv, Donetsk and Lviv on his two day visit, reaffirmed that there were still several "small problems" to deal with before the championships get underway.

There had been doubts about Ukraine's ability to host the championships at all amid an economic crisis, but Platini said these had been completely erased.

"We asked whether we could continue to stay in Ukraine at all, then we asked if we could just stay in two cities but now the work is so well done that we will stay in the four cities," the former French star said.

# 'No extra pressure on CSK'

PTI, Chennai

Despite their hopes of advancing to the semifinals hanging in balance after the loss to Mumbai Indians, Chennai Super Kings coach Stephen Fleming said his team will not face any extra pressure when they take on Cape Cobras in a Champions League T20 here today.

Fleming admitted that the defending champions, in any case, put themselves under pressure so that they can bring out the competitive spirit in themselves.

"We are always under pressure. We were under pressure in the first game. Nothing has changed. I don't know how many wins we need [to go through to the semifinals], whether it is two with a better run rate or it's three, we are always under pressure," said Fleming at a media conference on the eve of their match against the Cobras.

"We put ourselves under pressure as well because we want to win, especially at home. And we want to keep winning competitions,

so we don't look to have easy games and there are no easy games. There have been some incredible, sensational results in the last two or three games, so that's where the competition is going to go," he added.

Fleming said that the team management has not yet pressed the panic button and would decide on the final playing eleven only after watching the first match between New South Wales and Trinidad & Tobago here today.

"We haven't gone back to the drawing board just because we have had one loss where one player hit 15 or 20. Up to that point, we had won about 95 per cent of the game. So we are not going to rush and change," the New Zealander said.

"We have got a group of players that has won three competitions. But we're very mindful and if there is a change to be made, we will make it tomorrow after we watch the first game. If you try to change and become something different, then you make mistakes. That's not my style and I know that's not the skipper's [Dhoni] style," he added.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE AT THE PLAYGROUND, YOU'LL PROBABLY OBSERVE MANY CHILDREN MOVING FROM SLIDE TO SLIDE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals W