

INDIA-ENGLAND ODI SERIES Hot Spot put aside

Cricket

CRICINFO, New Delhi

Hot Spot will not be used for the upcoming ODI series between India and England, Warren Brennan, the chief executive of BBG Sports...

There were several incidents where we were hoping for better outcomes from the technology," Brennan told ESPNcricinfo in an e-mail.

When contacted, the BCCI said it didn't want to comment on the issue. Upon taking over as BCCI president, N Srinivasan reverted to the board's original stance against the DRS following Hot Spot's performance on the England tour.

"At the time, we were under the impression that Hot Spot was very good," Srinivasan had said after the BCCI's Annual General Meeting.

A jolt for Murray

AP, Tokyo

Andy Murray overcame an early break in the third set to beat Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 Wednesday and reach the second round of the Japan Open.

Murray trailed 3-1 in the final set, then held serve and soon broke back to even the score at 3-3 at a covered Ariake Colosseum.

"He played well under the conditions. It took me longer to find the range," Murray said. "The hardest thing for me always is changing from playing outdoors to indoors."

"It was very tough. It was very long," Murray said. "I did a lot of running in the first two sets."

Playing primarily from the baseline, the Briton converted at crucial points down the stretch as Baghdatis appeared to tire and committed several unforced errors.

Baghdatis and Murray played earlier this year in Rotterdam, and the Egyptian won in straight sets on a hard court.

An opportunity

FROM PAGE 16 (DRS) which he thinks is necessary for his side.

"For us DRS has been a very good inclusion in the game. It's unfortunate that we don't have it in this series."

"Whatever could be made possible to eliminate errors in the game, we'd welcome it," he said, adding that playing under the new ODI rules wouldn't be a problem given that it would mean taking on a 25-over old ball from each end.

Sabina

FROM PAGE 16 Meanwhile, Dipali bounced back from that 4-0 defeat to beat Wari club 3-0 at the same venue yesterday.

Sonia Khatun, Jannatul Ferdous and Fatema Tuj Zohra scored one goal each for Dipali in the 21st, 22nd and 45th minute respectively.

BJMC

FROM PAGE 16 Rahman as coach, advisor and goalkeeping coach respectively.

Alfaz Ahmed, the probable captain of BJMC, said they are all eager to play for BJMC and prove themselves.

Azarenka in pre-qtrs

Tennis

REUTERS, Beijing

Second seed Victoria Azarenka took a swipe at the crowd as she moved into the last 16 of the China Open on Wednesday with victory over Slovakia's Polona Hercog.

The Belarussian, much criticised for her on-court decibel levels, said she had been distracted by noisy spectators during a 7-6, 6-3 victory.

Third seed Vera Zvonareva crumbled to a 6-1, 6-2 defeat against Serbia's Ana Ivanovic in the third round and there was more disappointment for home fans as wildcard Jie Zheng was bundled out by Agnieszka Radwanska.

"I would love people to be a bit more respectful and turn off their cell phones and just come and watch tennis and respect that players are doing their job," world number four Azarenka told reporters.

Zvonareva, the world number three, had no answer to the attacking groundstrokes of 18th seed Ivanovic in a one-sided opening set. The Russian tried to mix things up in the second but could make little impression and was left on the floor by one wrong-footing forehand by her opponent.

"It was a little awkward when she slipped. She had played good until then," the 23-year-old Ivanovic told reporters.

"I felt I did well to keep her under pressure. I was very pleased with the win

because she's a great player. "We had a tough match a few months ago, so I really tried to step up today."

Jie enjoyed strong support from a partisan crowd in the 15,000-seater arena but the world No.72's hopes of claiming a major scalp were crushed by Radwanska in a 6-1, 6-4 defeat.

With French Open champion Li Na a surprise first-round casualty China's sole survivor in the tournament

is lowly-ranked wildcard Ze Zhang who faces a daunting task against top-seeded Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the men's second round on Thursday.

In the men's draw, Spain's Fernando Verdasco came back from a set behind against Italy's Flavio Cipolla, winning 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals. Russia's Mikhail Youzhny beat Spain's Feliciano Lopez 6-7, 6-2, 7-5.

Hot Spot is insufficient. We do not wish to use the DRS in its present form, even in its minimum standard."

As he had done in an interview on ESPNcricinfo's fortnightly audio show Time Out in July, Brennan reiterated that Hot Spot was not 100 per cent accurate, and needed support all around the sport to be kept improving.

"BBG Sports has at no time stated that the Hot Spot is a perfect system," Brennan's email said. "In order to continue to improve the system, BBG Sports needs broadcasters, the ICC and cricket boards to support the Hot Spot and DRS process."

At the start of what will be a packed cricket season, Brennan said BBG Sports was always trying to improve and expand the technology. He said he was confident of Hot Spot's "good use" in series outside of the subcontinent later in the year.



Participants and officials pose for the camera during the inauguration of the ATF U-14 Series Tennis Tournament at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday.

ATF U-14 TENNIS Mixed bag for hosts

SPORTS REPORTER Bangladesh made a mixed start in the ATF U-14 Series Tennis Tournament at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday.

In the boys' singles, Kaleem Syed Nafi of Pakistan defeated Rakib Tahmid of Bangladesh 6-1, 6-0, Mahin Reja Khan of Bangladesh outplayed compatriot Mahfuz Hossain 6-1, 6-0, Alan Sou Ming of Hong Kong outplayed Bangladesh's Rubel Hossain 6-0, 6-1, Haider Abdaal of Pakistan thrashed Sadman Arif Wamim of Bangladesh 6-0, 6-1, Kawsar Ali of Bangladesh defeated compatriot Noor Mohammad 6-3, 6-3 and Ho Chun Chow of Hong Kong outplayed Sami Lashkar of Bangladesh 6-0, 6-2.

In the girls' singles, Kaur Delizavenne of Malaysia beat Fernando Tasha of Sri Lanka 6-2, 6-3, Claudia NG of Hong Kong defeated Bangladesh's Rashed Shuchona 6-0, 6-1, Ayesha Sultana of Bangladesh outplayed compatriot Rebecca Sultana 7-5, 6-1, Lam Chan of Hong Kong beat Shah Shafina of Bangladesh 6-3, 6-1, Ishita Afroz of Bangladesh thumped Joyce Leung of Hong Kong 6-1, 5-7, 6-3, Winona IP Wai Lam of Hong Kong thrashed Pinky Bepary of Bangladesh 6-0, 6-1, Prity Afrana of Bangladesh beat compatriot Nadia Islam 6-1, 6-1 and Sze Yu Wing of Hong Kong defeated Jhlik Chakma of Bangladesh 6-4, 6-3.

Earlier, Mohammad Ali Deen, Vice president of Bangladesh Tennis Federation inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest. Competitors from seven countries are participating in the first phase of the tournament, the second phase of which will be held later this month in BKSP.

Somerset in last four

PTI, Bangalore



Somerset made a remarkable fightback with a superb bowling show after Craig Kieswetter shone with the bat as they defeated Warriors by 12 runs to qualify for the semifinals in the Champions League Twenty20 here on Wednesday.

Electing to bat, Somerset scored 146 for four with opener Kieswetter carrying the bat with a gritty unbeaten 56 and the bowlers then came up with a disciplined display by coming back strongly after it looked like that match had gone out of their grasp.

Chasing 147 for a win, Warriors were comfortably placed at 71 for one at the halfway mark but some tight bowling and quick wickets saw the match tilting to Somerset's favour.

Warriors needed 37 from the last three overs with five wickets in hand but they could score just 24 runs to end at 134 for eight and hand Somerset a 12-run victory in the Pool B match at MA Chinnaswamy Stadium.

For Somerset, captain Alfonso Thomas, Steve Kirby and Murali Kartik bagged two wickets apiece while Adam Dibble and Roelof van der Merwe chipped in with a wicket apiece.

With the win today, Somerset collected five points from four matches and booked a berth in the semifinals from Pool B.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SOMERSET: 146 for 4 (Kieswetter 56 not out; Botha 1-20)

WARRIORS: 134 for 8 (Smuts 38; Thomas 2-16)

Result: Somerset won by 12 runs.

Gold hopes from surfing

FROM PAGE 16

ten days earlier," said Wali Ullah adding that surfers from Sri Lanka, India, Maldives and Bangladesh would take part in short-board event there.

He also expects a better result from women's kabaddi team as the women's team won a silver medal in the second Asian Beach Games in Muscat.

Bangladesh's main rivals India are not taking part in the kabaddi event and organisers are also expecting fireworks from the women's team.

Wali Ullah also hoped for a good showing from the lone body builder and swimmer though they could hardly arrange any training for the athletes due to lack of funds.

"We had asked the authority concerned to sanction fund six months before but although we got a promise a month back the fund has not been released yet. So we could not provide them with proper training," said Wali Ullah.

The Bangladesh football team, who have trained only three days in the sand of Cox's Bazar, will compete against Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka. But Chef De Mission and BFF vice president Shakhat Ali Khan Jahangir could not promise anything due to a lack of knowledge of beach football as well as the strength of the opponents.

Graham Dilley passes away

CRICINFO, London Former England fast bowler, Graham Dilley, has died aged 52 after a short illness.

One of the quickest bowlers of his generation, Dilley took 138 Test wickets at 29.78 for his country but his best-



GRAHAM DILLEY

remembered contribution to the England cause came with the bat -- supporting Ian Botham in a 117-run partnership which helped England to a famous Ashes Test win over Australia at Headingley in 1981.

In a ten-year international career, Dilley played in 41 Tests and 36 ODIs. Remarkably, he finished on the winning side in just two of those Test appearances, but in an era of limited success for the England team, those two victories were among the most loudly acclaimed of the decade -- in addition to Headingley, he also played a key role in the first Test of the 1986-87 Ashes triumph, at Brisbane, where his first-innings figures of 5 for 68 condemned Australia to the follow-on.

After retiring from a first-class career in which he claimed 648 wickets at 26.84 for Kent, Worcestershire, England and Natal, Dilley moved into coaching and enjoyed spells as an Assistant Coach with the England Men's team and Bowling Coach to the England Women's team, before taking up a position as Head Cricket Coach at Loughborough University.

Warner blows CSK away

IANS, Chennai

Little opener David Warner's 69-ball 135 not out floored defending champions Chennai Super Kings while powering the New South Wales into the semifinals of the Champions League T20 tournament here on Tuesday.

Warner's amazing innings that contained eight sixes and 11 boundaries, helped the 2009 champions Blues to 201 for two.

The Super Kings made a spirited bid, but the pressure of having to win by a big margin told on the side that eventually capitulated to 155 all out with left-arm spinner Stephen O'Keefe taking three for 28.

The Blues thus topped Group A with six points and along with Mumbai Indians (5) qualified for the semifinals leaving the Trinidad and Tobago, who earlier beat Nashua Cape Cobras by two wickets, heart-broken and on four points.

The South Africans finished with three points and the Super Kings ended at the bottom with two.

It was undoubtedly a Warner show on Tuesday night on a pitch on which batting was a task until the 'pocket dynamo' capitalised on a life when on 40 and launched into a save attack that spared no bowler. Clearly, Warner was in the zone as he played shots at will, notably the switch hits.

Fast bowler Doug Bollinger, who had opted for Super Kings rather than his home team Blues, was taken to the cleaners. He conceded 48 runs in three overs as also the other bowlers.

The Super Kings response was as fiery with openers Michael Hussey and Murali Vijay indulging in hectic hitting, but then, the pressure was constant, and it eventually told on the batsmen.

Hussey was unfortunately to be ruled out leg before to Stuart Clark and then left-arm spinner Stephen O'Keefe dismissed Vijay and Suresh Raina, all scoring briskly but getting out attempting to step up the scoring.

Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni followed his mates into the dug-out in the 11th over and it was all over bar the shouting as the Super Kings fell to 88 for four. Thereafter, it was a regular procession and the Super Kings innings came apart in sharp contrast to the Blues innings.

Warner and Shane Watson (21) started at a gallop, scoring freely as Bollinger went for 13 runs in his first over. Both batsmen took their chances with Warner coming up with a couple of audacious switch-hits to the ropes.

The 50 came up at the end of the fifth over and the Blues seemed to be well on way to a big total. However, Ashwin struck in the seventh over as Watson top-edged to Dhoni, playing across the line and the Super Kings heaved a sigh of relief.

SCORES IN BRIEF NEW SOUTH WALES: 201 for 2 (Warner 135 not out, Smith 31) CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 155 (Hussey 37; O'Keefe 3-28) Result: New South Wales won by 46 runs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING MAN ALWAYS HAS A SCORNFUL FACE. YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S A SNEER-DO-WELL. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals 1