

## Pattinson too pacy

AFP, Brisbane

James Pattinson shattered New Zealand to emerge as Australia's latest fast bowling sensation with a man-of-the-match five-wicket innings haul in the first Gabba Test on Sunday.

Pattinson, 21, given his first Test cap on the strength of nine first-class games, was irresistible as he claimed five for 27, including three wickets in four balls, in Australia's nine-wicket win over the Kiwis inside four days.

Just a fortnight after 18-year-old Pat Cummins's man-of-the-match bowling performance in Australia's two-wicket win over South Africa in Johannesburg, Pattinson provided more compelling evidence of Australia's new pace breed.

Pattinson narrowly missed out on a hatrick to help rout the Black Caps for 150 and leave Michael Clarke's Australians with the formality of chasing just 19 runs for victory.

Pattinson, whose elder brother, Darren, played a Test for England in 2008, destroyed the Black Caps' top order, taking the first five wickets with an impressive full length at searing pace.

"We spoke about it before the game we wanted to try to bowl nice and full," Pattinson said.

"Pup [Clarke] supported me there and said it doesn't matter if you get driven a couple of times, which I kept at the back of my head and tried to just keep doing the same thing and it paid off for me in the second innings."

Unlike the butter-fingered Kiwis, the Australians latched onto the catches behind the wicket as Pattinson coaxed edges off the bat to devastating effect.

"I've probably seen that for a while now that there's some young players that have been around first-class cricket who are now involved in the Australian setup who have had a lot of talent," Clarke said.

"It is just about giving them an opportunity to see how they go, and then trying to get better."

"Patto's been around the group for a while now in regard to one day cricket, we've always known he's had a lot of talent."

"It was just about getting him as fit and strong as we could, him biding his time, going back to first-class cricket and taking wickets and waiting for an opportunity."

Pattinson, who claimed Brendon McCullum's wicket late on Saturday, removed Martin Gupthill (12), Kane Williamson (0) and skipper Ross Taylor (0) in the space of four balls in his opening over Sunday.

## Sachin likely

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scheduled on December 8 and 11 in Indore and Chennai respectively.

The Kris Srikkanth-led selection panel will meet on Monday to pick the squad for the remainder of the series besides injured pacer Praveen Kumar's replacement for the upcoming four Tests against Australia.

Tendulkar's last international century came on March 12 during a World Cup group league match against South Africa at Nagpur.

It has been more than eight months that the entire nation has been waiting with bated breath for the elusive century.

The last missed opportunity came in the third Test against Caribbeans when Tendulkar was dismissed six runs short of the milestone.

## Dr Socrates

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Latterly, he gave seminars about leadership and human relations while also practising as a doctor and working on a fiction book about the 2014 World Cup due to be held in Brazil.

His younger brother Rai, also a midfielder and a Sao Paulo favourite who spent several seasons at Paris St Germain in the late 1990s, was a member of the Brazil squad that won the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

## Ilievski

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and never gave up hope of winning the match and the stunning goal was a result of their hard work.



Australia debutant James Pattinson (R) celebrates dismissing New Zealand skipper Ross Taylor (L) on the fourth day of the first Test at the Gabba in Brisbane on Sunday. Australia won the match by nine wickets.

PHOTO: AFP

# Chandrashiri looks back

## Football

SPORTS REPORTER from Delhi

Bangladesh, more specifically Abahani, was the second home for Sri Lankan booters in the 90s when players like Prem Lal, Packeer Ali, Lionel Peiris, Asoka Tennekoon and Damodaran Chandrasiri were popular figures in Bangladesh football scene.

After hanging up their boots, some of them have remained in touch with football and Chandrasiri is one of them who is accompanying the Sri Lanka national team in the SAFF Championship as assistant coach. The former Abahani goalkeeper Chandrasiri recalled his memories of playing days in Bangladesh from 1985 to 1987.

"It was a unique experience for me playing in front of huge crowds. I still remember vividly the match against Brothers Union which ended in a 3-3 draw and when everyone blamed me for the draw," said Chandrasiri at his room at the Hotel Hilton yesterday.

The 52-year old admitted he was guilty of conceding the first goal as he failed to judge he flight of the ball but he was not responsible

for the last two goals as the opponents capitalised on the fumbles from the defenders.

Chandrasiri, who represented the Sri Lanka national team from 1978 and 1993, was picked from the Aga Khan Gold Cup in 1984 by Abahani's Tanvir Mazhar Tanna, even though he did not take part in the league due to his previous club engagement in Sri Lanka. The goalkeeper joined Abahani the following year.

The Sri Lankan also recalled that he was again blamed for conceding a goal against archrivals Mohammedan when Rummon Bin Sabbir scored the match's lone goal with his shin but his coach Kazi Salahuddin consoled by saying that he was not responsible for conceding the goal.

Chandrasiri declined to say anything about Bangladesh's football but he said that Sri Lankan football is getting better day by day

even though there is not assistance from the Sri Lankan government.

The AFC A-license coach said Monilal Fernando is doing everything to take Sri Lanka's football forward.

Sri Lanka made a winning start in the SAFF Championship this year with a 3-0 win over Bhutan on Saturday and they are serious contenders for the semifinals.



DAMODARAN CHANDRASIRI

## Heartbreak at the death

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Gurung played a neat one-two between them to enter the box from the right but Anil missed the open net putting it wide of the far post.

Bangladesh started to dominate after the breather and went close to taking the lead three minutes into the second half but Nepalese goalkeeper Kiran Kumar brilliantly took off the ball from Mithun's foot and then blocked a Reza header to keep the score at 0-0.

Nepal could have taken the lead in the 87th minute when Santhosh Kumar headed in a Raju corner but it was Sohel, who brilliantly tipped it over the cross-piece to keep Bangladesh in the game.

Bangladesh were deprived of a penalty in the 90th minute when substitute Nirajan handled the ball inside the box but Indian referee Santosh Kumar ignored it.

When it seemed as if the tournament was going to produce yet another draw, Sagar Thapa delivered the 50-metre free-kick to break the deadlock and with it the Bangladeshi hearts.

TEAMS: BANGLADESH: Sahidul Alam (GK), Nasirul Islam, Atiqur Rahman Meshu, Mamun

## Sreesanth

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down," Sreesanth told ESPNcricinfo. "I was advised surgery but didn't go for it because the last time I did ayurvedic treatment, for a labrum tear on my shoulder, it really helped and I never had to go for surgery. I have consulted the same doctor. The muscles get stronger with physiotherapy. I will start training in Bangalore from December 12."

The Test series begins on December 26 at the MCG and finishes on January 28. Sreesanth is hopeful of being available for the one-day tri-series, also featuring Sri Lanka, starting in February.

"I will be out for six to eight weeks. I don't think I'll be fit till the end of the Test series," Sreesanth said. "Hopefully for the one-dayers I will be fit for selection."

Sreesanth played three Tests in England earlier this year, but failed to impress taking eight wickets at 61.62. He played in Kerala's first match of the Ranji season, against Vidarbha in Nagpur, taking 1 for 119, before getting injured.

He wasn't chosen when the selectors picked the team for Australia, but the injury to Praveen ahead of the ongoing one-day series against West Indies, has given an opportunity for any one of India's reserve seamers to make the trip.

# Aussies rout Kiwis

## Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Debutant paceman James Pattinson spearheaded Australia to a crushing nine-wicket victory in the first Test against New Zealand inside four days at the Gabba on Sunday.

Pattinson snared five for 27 including three wickets in four balls to help rout the Black Caps for 150 off 49.4 overs and leave Michael Clarke's Australians with the formality of chasing just 19 runs for victory.

Another debutant, David Warner, hit three fours off four balls to get the winning runs for the loss of Phil Hughes' wicket as the hosts took a 1-0 lead in the two-Test series to Hobart on Friday.

Pattinson narrowly missed a hatrick as he ripped through the New Zealand top order to put Australia on the path to victory.

The 21-year-old fast bowler, on the back of just nine first-class matches, captured 5-7 in seven overs as the Kiwis capitulated under the fierce onslaught.

"It hasn't sunk in right now, I'm just happy we've won the first Test and got that rolling for us," Pattinson said.

"The selectors pick us so we can try to do a job for them and I'm just happy to do that for the Australian cricket team. It is a great achievement personally, but it's great for the team as well."

Clarke, who now has won three of seven Tests since taking over from Ricky Ponting in January, said the New Zealand win was important for the team's momentum.

"I said after South Africa it was important we continued building momentum from Sri Lanka, and it is no different at the start of the summer. It was important we started well here," he said.

"We know we've got some tough cricket ahead of us, starting in Hobart, but obviously throughout the summer against India as well."

Skipper Ross Taylor said New Zealand had to be tougher on themselves if they were to be competitive in this week's second Hobart Test.

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## Nadal, Ferrer made to take doping tests

AFP, Seville

Spanish stars Rafael Nadal and David Ferrer were forced to undergo doping tests on Saturday right in the middle of the Davis Cup final doubles clash that they were watching from the sidelines.

Nadal and Ferrer had to leave the action, where teammates Feliciano Lopez and Fernando Verdasco were losing to Argentina's David Nalbandian and Eduardo Schwank, after being summoned by drug testers.

"We have said that we are happy with the tests and controls so that there is a clean sport because nobody wants to play against a doped player, but there are different ways of doing things," said Verdasco.

"I don't think it's nice that during a game they take colleagues out to go to a test. They could wait until the end of the match, and they could have allowed them to cheer us and then do the test afterwards."

# Ross asks mates to work harder

## Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Skipper Ross Taylor said Sunday well-beaten New Zealand had to work harder to be competitive against Australia to save the two-Test series in Hobart later this week.

The abject Black Caps were routed for 150 in their second innings and trounced by nine wickets in the first Gabba Test inside four days with debutant James Pattinson giving a man-of-the-match performance with five for 27.

It was a poor showing by the eighth-ranked Kiwis, spilling crucial catches to allow Australia to score 427 in the first innings and then capitulating before the pace onslaught of 21-year-old Pattinson.

The Kiwis have to quickly regroup ahead of Friday's second and final Test of the trans-Tasman series at Hobart's Bellerive Oval, if they are to return home with any positives ahead of their next series against Zimbabwe next month.

"You've got to give credit to James Pattinson, he put the ball in the right areas enough times for us to nick it," Taylor said.

"But we've still got to be harder on ourselves as a batting unit. Not only this morn-

ing but on the first day there were some soft

dismissals and Australia didn't have to work that hard for their wickets."

Taylor, who had a poor match with scores of 14 and a first-ball duck, said before the start of Sunday's play his team still felt they were in the contest at 10 for one.

"We've just got to be harder on ourselves. We know Australia are going to come at us hard again in Tasmania. We need to play a lot better than we played today," he said.

Of his own form, Taylor said: "It's a lot easier as captain. When you're a player you can probably go a little bit insular, but as a captain you've got to lead from the front."

"This is not going to be the last Test match that I don't score any runs in."

"I've been in this situation before, you still need to back yourself. There's another Test match and we're not out of this series, we can still draw it."

After the loss, the Black Caps said they had added seamer Brent Arnel to their squad.

"We feel it's important to add a bit of bowling depth," coach John Wright said.

"Brent has been bowling well at home and offers us another seam option."

"The conditions in Hobart are likely to be slower so he comes into the frame."

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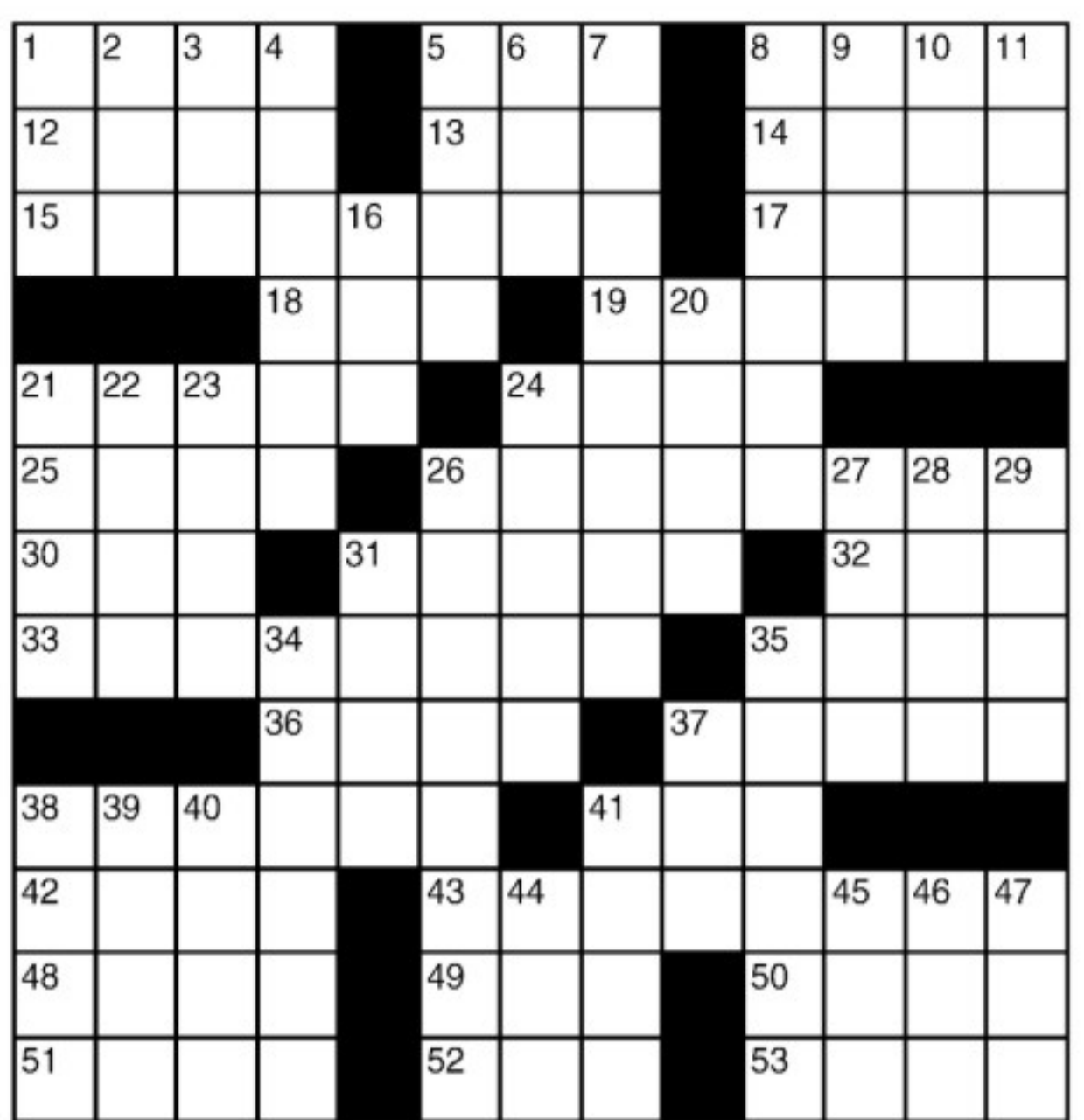
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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAND-HELD TWO-WAY RADIO THAT'S HUGEYLY POPULAR AMONG WISCONSIN POLICE: THE MILWAUKEE-TALKIE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals V