



South Africa all-rounder Jacques Kallis (R) might have felt that he played the ball safely but a referral to the third umpire declared him out controversially on the opening day of the third Test against England at Lord's yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Nadal pull-out 'not a surprise'

AFP, New York

Elite players led by world number one Roger Federer expressed their surprise and concern at the Cincinnati Masters on Wednesday that Rafael Nadal will be forced to miss the US Open due to left knee tendinitis. "It's not a surprise, because I wrote him and he told me it wasn't looking good at all," said top seeded world number one Federer. "I kind of saw it coming. But obviously when it's official it's disappointing for tennis, there's no doubt about it. "I would love to have him in the draw. With 12 days before the Open you figure he might still have time to fix what he has to fix to get ready. "If he pulls out that early before the Open, it must be something serious. That's what is sort of scary. There is obviously the whole debate going on if he is going come back for this year. "I hope in hindsight this is a very smart decision by him. But it's obviously a big blow and disappointing news for the tennis world." Those sentiments were echoed by number two Novak Djokovic and fourth-ranked Olympic gold medalist Andy Murray. "He's a great competitor, somebody I know really well on and off the court," Djokovic said. "I'm sure that if he was able to perform in US Open he would come. So I wish him a quick recovery."

Murray, who had been dealing with a knee problem of his own over the last week or so, was equally sympathetic. "I'm disappointed for him, it's obviously tough. He's had trouble with his knees in the past. So I hope he can rest, doesn't come back too early, and gets them fixed so he can get back to playing his best tennis."

## Argentina

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with Hummels, he set up Messi's goal with a fine run and pullback from the byline, leaving the Barca wizard with a meat and drink finish from 15 yards. Di Maria set the seal on the victory when he rifled home a left-footer from 30 yards with 11 minutes remaining. A late Benedict Hoewedes header restored a smidgen of German pride. Sabella, who replaced sacked Sergio Batista a year ago following an uninspiring Copa America campaign on home soil, had promised to offer attacking football and the albiceleste were as good as his word, producing an entertaining evening at the Commerzbank Arena. While Argentina celebrated a morale-boosting win, to add to their success in June in a friendly over Brazil, the Germans - despite the influx of new, young names such as Marco Reus - are still looking fully to get over their Euro 2012 semi-final loss to Italy.

## Kallis Tuck-ed out

Cricket

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Australian umpire Rod Tucker delivered one of the worst decisions seen in international cricket history yesterday at Lords in the third and deciding Test match between England and South Africa. After the England's team confident appeal for a catch down the leg side of Jacques Kallis was turned down by umpire Dharmesena, the English chose to refer the decision to the third umpire. Replays clearly showed that the ball struck Kallis' glove while it was not holding the bat, and as per the rules of the game, the correct decision was made, and should have been upheld. Bizarrely, Tucker gave the batsman out. Kallis left the field shaking his head. The rule governing catches off the glove state that the hand must actually be on the bat handle at the point of contact if a catch is to be made. It is not at all an obscure rule, and any half-serious cricket fan would know it. The replay was not at all inconclusive it was clear as crystal that Kallis's hand was off the handle when he was struck. A similar umpiring mistake was made in 1987 when Chris Broad was given out caught behind to Imran Khan after having gloved a ball while not holding the bat. In that instance however, the on-field umpire made the decision without the benefit of repeated slow motion replays. The decision does not seem to reflect an error of judgement so much as a shocking ignorance of the laws of the game. That an internationally acclaimed umpire could lack such knowledge - particularly in light of the importance of the match (if England win, they retain the world #1 position, but if the match is drawn or South Africa win, Smith's men move to the top spot) -- is truly mind-boggling.

## Blake vs Bolt in Big Bash?

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Yohan Blake could join fellow Olympic sprint sensation Usain Bolt in Australia's domestic Twenty20 Big Bash League, in a showdown between the world's two fastest men on the cricket field. The Sydney Sixers franchise are hoping to lure him for the December tournament, after Bolt made clear he wanted to turn out for the Melbourne Stars. Like Bolt, Blake is from Jamaica and cricket-mad, and Sixers chief executive Stuart Clark said he was keen on setting up a clash between the close friends. "For one he is a great athlete, and yes he would be a marketer's dream, but from all reports he can actually play cricket and that's better than anything else," Clark told the Sydney Daily Telegraph. "If he can do what he says he can do, and I have no reason to disbelieve him, Yohan would be a marquee player for me to sign. I would definitely be considering it." Earlier this week, Shane Warne revealed he was leading a campaign to bring Bolt to Melbourne, with negotiations under way with the Melbourne Stars, the Australian former Test leg-spinner's club. Bolt played junior cricket before turning to the track and has long voiced a love for the game.

## U-19s storm into qtrs

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Sarwar Imran told the Daily Star Sport over telephone that they were happy but not over-excited as it's nothing new that Bangladesh are going to play in the Cup competition. "I'm happy with the way we so far played in the competition though we lost against South Africa badly. The boys are not over-excited, rather they are focusing on the quarterfinal game against mighty Australia," Imran. "We achieved our primary goal and now we are looking forward to play in the semifinal. It will be tough to beat Australia in their conditions but if we can play as per our potential then nothing is impossible. There is a huge difference in the pace bowling strength between teams like Australia, South Africa and us, so we have to make sure that our batting clicks in the match against Australia," added Imran. "The players were tired and there were some injury problems while we were taking on South Africa but now everybody is fit and hopefully the conditions will be different in Townsville," informed Imran. Meanwhile, the quarterfinal line-up was completed on Thursday with all the Full Members except Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe progressing to the last eight.

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"He (Warne) contacted me and asked me about if I am serious and if I really want to do it, then he can put in a few words that should get it done," Bolt told Australian television. "So we will see if I get the time off. I will try." Cricket is hugely popular in the West Indies with Jamaica one of its strongest teams, producing greats such as Michael Holding, Courtney Walsh and Chris Gayle. According to the Telegraph, Blake, who took silver in the Olympic 100m and 200m events behind Bolt, says he is "a bowling machine". "You guys need to see me in action. I am a bowling machine that can bat all day," he reportedly said during the Olympics. "Cricket, that's my love, that's my passion." Clark said: "I will need to see some footage of him bowling, but he has been saying he can bowl 90 miles per hour (145 kilometres per hour). Very few people in the world can do that. "Usain Bolt is a great showman and entertainer, but he can't play cricket as far as I'm aware, to the standard necessary. Yohan Blake can, it seems." The newspaper said Australian agent Tony Connelly was brokering the deal between Blake and the eight-team Big Bash, which was launched last year to attract a new youthful audience to cricket. The season, where each side tries to blast as many runs as possible in a maximum of 20 overs, gets under way on December 7 with the final on January 19.

In Group A, England defeated Nepal by 126 runs to set up a quarterfinal meeting with South Africa while in Group C India outplayed Papua New Guinea (PNG) by 107 runs to book a quarterfinal date with traditional rivals Pakistan, who defeated New Zealand by five wickets to remain unbeaten in Group B. Both the England-South Africa and India-Pakistan quarter-final matches will be played at the Tony Ireland Stadium on Sunday and Monday, respectively. New Zealand will play its quarter-final against the West Indies on Monday. Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, along with Afghanistan, Ireland, Namibia, Nepal, PNG and Scotland now will regroup in Brisbane and will compete in the Plate Championship, which will also start from Sunday. **SCORES IN BRIEF** NAMIBIA UNDER-19S: 151 all out in 49.4 overs (Vuuren 20, Baard 40, Taskin 2-29, Jayed 3-29, Nayeem 2-19) BANGLADESH UNDER-19S: 155-3 in 37 overs (Liton 70 not out, Soumya 16, Anamul 32, Asif 13, Al-Amin 17 not out; Davidson 1-19, Bolton 1-24). **Result:** Bangladesh Under-19s won by seven wickets. **Man-of-the-match:** Liton Das.

## Aus name squad for World T20

AFP, Sydney

Australia Thursday named an experienced squad for the World Twenty20 tournament in Sri Lanka, which selectors said had an explosive batting line-up and depth in the bowling department. George Bailey again captains the side, which is hoping to go one better than their runner-up finish to England in the 2010 final in the West Indies. The squad boasts plenty of experience with brothers Mike and Dave Hussey, Cameron White, Brad Hogg and Clint McKay. It also features ex-captain Cameron White, who will have the opportunity to re-establish himself at international level after strong performances in the Indian Premier League and England's domestic league. National selector John Inverarity said the 15-man squad was the same one scheduled to play against Pakistan in the UAE ahead of the World Twenty20 from September 18 to October 7. Australia's T20 campaign will start officially on September 19 in Colombo against Ireland, with the final scheduled for Sunday October 7.

**SQUAD** George Bailey (captain), Dan Christian, Patrick Cummins, Xavier Doherty, Ben Hilfenhaus, Brad Hogg, David Hussey, Mike Hussey, Glenn Maxwell, Clint McKay, Mitchell Starc, Matthew Wade, David Warner, Shane Watson, Cameron White.

## SA fight after

**FROM PAGE 16** Andrew Strauss, a Middlesex team-mate of Finn, had yet more reason to celebrate his 100th Test and 50th as skipper. After lunch, De Villiers and Rudolph put on 51 for the fifth wicket. But the stand ended when De Villiers, who struck six fours in his 27, edged Anderson to third slip Alastair Cook. **SCOREBOARD** **SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings Smith c Prior b Anderson 14 Petersen c Prior b Finn 22 Amla b Finn 13 Kallis c Prior b Finn 3 De Villiers c Cook b Anderson 27 Rudolph not out 41 Duminy not out 26 Extras: (b-4, w-1) 5 Total: (For 5 wickets in 55 overs) 151 To bat: Philander, Steyn, Morkele, Tahir. Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-49, 3-50, 4-54, 5-105. **Bowler** O M R W Anderson 16 4 39 2 Broad 14 4 28 0 Finn 12 2 48 3 Swann 11 5 24 0 Trott 2 0 8 0 **ENGLAND:** Strauss (captain), Cook, Trott, Bell, Taylor, Bairstow, Prior, Broad, Swann,

## Big guns in Round 3

Tennis

AFP, Cincinnati

Four-time champion Roger Federer crushed Alex Bogomolov, of Russia, 6-3, 6-2 on Wednesday, leading the world's best players into the third round of the Cincinnati Masters. World number one Federer -- who has reached the semi-finals or better at 11 of the last 12 ATP events he has played -- was untouchable in his first outing since the Olympics, and will now face Australia's Bernard Tomic. Federer won the trophy here in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2010 and is bidding for some personal Masters 1000 history as he chases a fifth title. The match lasted just an hour as Federer dominated, though he did need two match points and faced -- and saved -- his only break point of the match in the final moments of play. Second seed Novak Djokovic made a scratchy start while Andy Murray motored through as the pair of seeds won their opening matches after first round byes. Djokovic did not even have the chance to hit on the showcase court after arriving in the midwest US from his post-Olympic title in Toronto at the weekend. The Serb defeated Italian Andreas Seppi 7-6 (7/4), 6-2, but he was not impressed with his form, dubbing the win "not a great performance," though he improves to a 9-0 record over Seppi, whom he struggled with at Roland Garros in a comeback from two sets down in the fourth round. Djokovic won in just under 90 minutes, a

contest which included a 59-minute opening set in which the second seed needed four set points to take the lead. But the Serb stepped it up in the second as he ran out the winner with 21 winners against 22 unforced errors. Djokovic will line up in the third round against Russian veteran Nikolay Davydenko, who beat Florian Mayer of Germany 6-3, 6-3. Murray, the Olympic gold medalist who played one match last week in Toronto and then quit with a sore knee, showed no sign of injury as he knocked out American Sam Querrey 6-2, 6-4, in just 83 minutes. Federer's fellow Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka upset fourth seed David Ferrer 6-4, 6-1. Argentine sixth seed and former US Open winner Juan Martin del Potro knocked out Germany's Tommy Haas 7-5, 6-2, but Czech Radek Stepanek returned the favor with his defeat of Argentina's eighth seed Juan Monaco 7-6 (7/2), 6-1. Mardy Fish, the US 10th seed, beat Argentine Carlos Berlocq 6-3, 6-1. Croatian 12th seed Marin Cilic put out Jesse Levine 7-5, 7-6 (8/6) and Australian wild card Lleyton Hewitt went down to Serb Viktor Troicki 6-2, 6-0 after not getting to bed until 3 a.m. in his Monday late-night opening win. In the women's second round, top seed Agnieszka Radwanska dispatched Swede Sofia Arvidsson 6-4, 6-3. Fourth seed Petra Kvitova defeated German Mona Barthel 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 while number six Caroline Wozniacki hammered Sesil Karantantcheva 6-1, 6-0. Italy's seventh seed and Roland Garros finalist Sara Errani beat Slovak Daniela Hantuchova 6-4, 6-4.

## 'Outstanding' Strauss hailed

Cricket

AFP, London

England captain Andrew Strauss was hailed as an "outstanding leader", as he became only the ninth England player to appear in 100 Tests when leading the side against South Africa at Lord's on Thursday. The match, also Strauss's 50th as England captain, was taking place on the Middlesex batsman's home ground, where he scored a hundred on Test debut against New Zealand back in 2004. England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chief executive David Collier said: "Nobody should be in any doubt whatsoever about the value of Andrew Strauss's contribution to the England team and the vital role he has played in taking our Test side to the top of the ICC's Test rankings. "His record of 21 Test hundreds (one shy of England's all-time record) speaks volumes about his qualities as an opening batsman; he has been an integral member of three Ashes-winning sides -- twice as captain -- and as well as being an outstanding leader and a consummate professional, is a superb ambassa-

dor for the sport as a whole. "It is fitting that Andrew should reach this momentous landmark on the ground where he has played so much cricket for both his county and his country and where he first announced himself as an international cricketer with a marvellous debut Test hundred against New Zealand in 2004," Collier added. The build-up to this Test has seen Strauss having to deal with the fall-out from the controversy surrounding England's decision to drop Kevin Pietersen from the side for sending text messages to South African players, some of which were said to be critical of the left-handed opener. England, 1-0 down in this three-match series, must win the third Test at Lord's to prevent South Africa replacing them as the number one-ranked Test side. **England players to have appeared in 100 Tests:** Alec Stewart 133 career Tests Graham Gooch 118 David Gower 117 Michael Atherton 115 Colin Cowdrey 114 Geoffrey Boycott 108 Ian Botham 102 Graham Thorpe 100 Andrew Strauss 100

## McDermott Jr in Australia ODI team

REUTERS, Melbourne

Alister McDermott is set to follow his father Craig into international cricket after being added to Australia's squad for the one-day series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates. The 21-year-old McDermott, who was the leading wicket-taker in Australia's domestic one-day competition last season replaces Clint McKay in the squad for the three-match series after the bowler pulled a hamstring during a practice match in Darwin. "Alister was impressive in all formats last summer and bowled very well for Australia A against Durham last week," said national selector John Inverarity. "He is a very fit and disciplined young man who bowls with good sense and good control." His father Craig played 71 tests and 138 ODIs from 1984-1996, and in a year-long stint as head bowling coach, oversaw Australia's 4-0 whitewash of India in the test series earlier this year before stepping down in May. The younger McDermott, who shares his father's red hair and possesses a similar bowling action, has raised big expectations in Australia since winning a rookie contract with Queensland state when still at high school. Australia play their first ODI against Pakistan on Aug. 28 at Sharjah.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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