Roddick not done yet

AFP, New York



Andy Roddick served notice he will not go gently into retirement, blasting into the third round of the US Open on Friday by dispatching Australian teen Bernard Tomic 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 in only 87 minutes.

Roddick, the 2003 US Open champion, took the court at Arthur Ashe Stadium to loud cheers from supporters a day after announcing this would be the last event of his career, then made sure he would have at least one more match to play.

"Oh man. That was so much fun. I really appreciate that," Roddick said. "I am going to try to stick around a little longer."

The 30-year-old American advanced to a third-round matchup with Italy's 59th-ranked Fabio Fognini as he hopes to make an emotional last charge at a Grand Slam crown on the Flushing Meadows hardcourts. Defending champions Novak Djokovic and Samantha Stosur

advanced in straight sets while British teen Laura Robson sent Chinese ninth seed Li Na home after earlier sending three-time US Open champion Kim Clijsters into retirement. Three former champions -- Russian third seed Maria

Sharapova, Argentine seventh seed Juan Martin Del Potro and Australian Lleyton Hewitt -- moved on with varying degrees of difficulty. And World No. 1 Victoria Azarenka routed China's Zheng Jie

Georgia's Anna Tatishvili. Serbian second seed Djokovic overwhelmed Brazil's Rogerio

6-0, 6-1 in 59 minutes to book a round of 16 match with

Dutra Silva 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. Robson ousted 2011 French Open winner Li 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-

2 for her first career triumph over a top-10 foe, booking a fourthround showdown against Australian seventh seed Stosur. Robson became the first British woman in the fourth round

of a Grand Slam since Sam Smith at Wimbledon in 1998 and the first in the Open's last 16 since Jo Durie in 1991. Stosur took a 7-6 (7/5), 6-2 victory over US 31st seed Varvara

Lepchenko while Sharapova eliminated 252nd-ranked US collegian Mallory Burdette 6-1, 6-1.

Del Potro took a 6-2, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 victory over American Ryan Harrison.

Hewitt outlasted Luxenbourg's Gilles Muller 3-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (5/7), 7-5, 6-4.

Czech fifth seed Petra Kvitova ousted Pauline Parmentier 6-4, 6-4 to reach a round-of-16 match against her third consecutive French foe, 11th seed Marion Bartoli, who downed compatriot Kristina Mladenovic 6-2, 6-4.

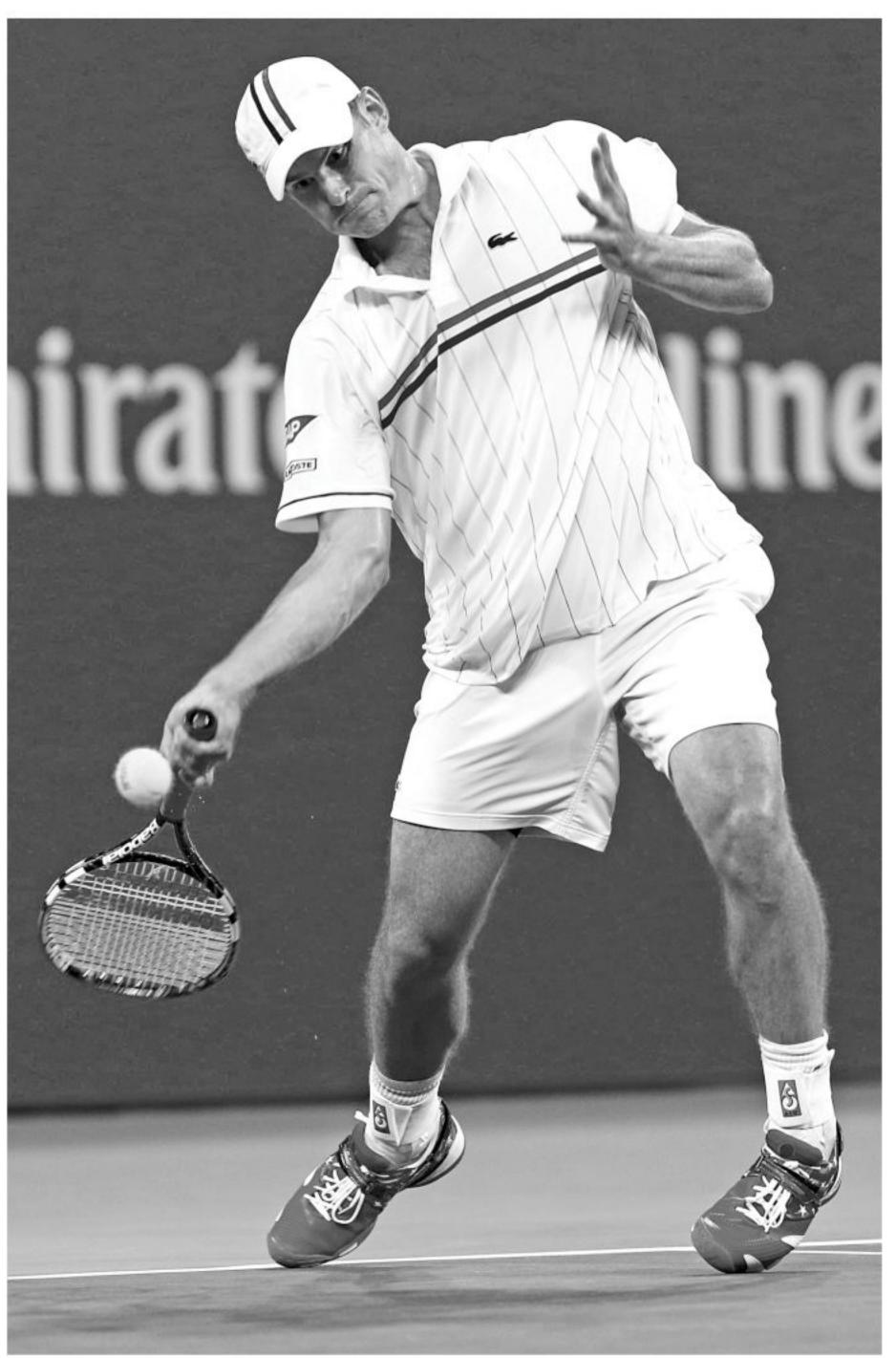


PHOTO: AFP

United States tennis player Andy Roddick hits a low forehand during his second round win over Bernard Tomic of Australia in New York on Friday.

England make it 1-1

Cricket

AFP, London

Jade Dernbach marked his return to England duty with three wickets, including the prize scalp of Hashim Amla, in a four-wicket win over his native South Africa in the third one-day international at The Oval.

Dernbach, recalled in place of Tim Bresnan, took three for 44 in nine overs on his Surrey home ground Friday as South Africa were dismissed for a below par 211 with 20 balls of their innings left.

Fellow seamer James Anderson took four for 44 in 9.4 overs, including a spell of three for one in eight balls that polished off the tail to help set up a win -- England's first over the Proteas this season in any format -that levelled the five-match series at 1-1.

England slumped to 64 for three in reply before a fourthwicket partnership of 108 between former South Africa youth international Jonathan Trott (71) and ex-Ireland lefthander Eoin Morgan (73) punished the tourists for not making enough runs after winning the toss.

Amla was again South Africa's top scorer, as he had been while making a masterful 150 in the Proteas' 80-run victory at Southampton on Tuesday. But his return to the

ground where last month he became the first South

Africa batsman to score a Test match triple century saw him dismissed by Dernbach for just 43.

South Africa made a steady start after winning the toss, with Amla and Graeme Smith sharing an opening partnership of 50.

But Smith was bowled by Anderson for 18 after the left-hander charged down the pitch.

England then got Amla, a thorn in their side all season, out relatively cheaply when Dernbach produced a full length delivery that nipped back and bowled him off the inside edge.

James Tredwell, replacing rested fellow offspinner Graeme Swann, took two for 49 as both South Africa captain AB de Villiers and JP Duminy holed out when well set. Dean Elgar, in only his

second innings at this level, made 42 until bowled by a clever slower ball from Dernbach, who last played for England in a one-dayer against Australia in July, that completely deceived the left-hander.

Dernbach, born in Johannesburg but who arrived in England as a schoolboy, struck again when Wayne Parnell edged to wicketkeeper Craig Kieswetter, a former South Africa Under-19 international.

Ian Bell was lbw to recalled fast bowler Dale Steyn, included after being rested from the first two matches, to leave England 14 for one.

England one-day, and now

Test, captain Alastair Cook took 18 balls to get off the mark before clipping Lonwabo Tsotsobe off his

Peterson to Elgar, running

pads for four. But the left-hander carelessly lofted spinner Robin

round from deep midwicket, on 20. And 61 for two became 64 for three when Ravi Bopara was caught behind for a duck

by wicket-keeper de Villiers off fast bowler Morne Morkel. Trott took 86 balls over his fifty, with just two fours, but prevented further collapse while Morgan, who lofted

left-arm spinner Elgar for the first six of the match during a 54-ball fifty, ensured the innings did not stagnate. Man-of-the-match Morgan, known as as one-day

'finisher', later advanced down the pitch to coverdrive Tsotsobe for an impressive six high over long-off before he skyed a return catch to Peterson. Trott was out with five

needed for victory when caught behind off left-arm quick Parnell. The series continues across

London at Lord's on Sunday. **SCORES IN BRIEF** SOUTH AFRICA: 211 all out

in 46.4 overs (Amla 43, Elgar 42, Duminy 33; Anderson 4-44, Dernbach 3-44) ENGLAND: 212 for 6 in 48

overs (Morgan 73, Trot 71; Peterson 2-39) Result: England won by 4

wickets. Man-of-the-match: Eoin

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Badal Das no more

SPORTS REPORTER

Former national footballer and star striker of the 1980s Badal Das died of cardiac arrest in the early hours of Saturday at a local hospital in the capital yesterday. Das, 48, was suffering from various ailments for a long time. The deceased left behind his mother, wife, two sons and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death. The cremation of the deceased will be held at his native village in Chandpur in the afternoon today.

Das was a famous striker in the 80s and played for popular outfits such as Farashganj SC, Brothers Union, Bangladesh Boys and Fakirerpul Youngmen's Club. Das also represented Bangladesh at the national level. After retiring from football, Das worked as an official of the Little Friends Club in Dhaka.

Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin and other members of the federation expressed deep condolences at the untimely demise of the former footballer.

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The national teams, split into four groups, will play six matches between themselves starting from today. The 81member squad will be whittled down to a 30-35 member squad on the basis of the performance in these matches and a final squad will be revealed later for the Nepal tour. Bangladesh are expected to play against the Nepal national team on September 18 and another match against an opponent yet to be decided

Cockroft

on September 20.

FROM PAGE 16 "It's a little bit surreal when you're dreaming about it for so long and then it just kind of happens in, what, 18 seconds. You're kind of like, 'I want to do that again, I can do that better'. But I've got it now and I can't complain."

KP to meet Flower

Cricket

AFP, London

Kevin Pietersen was set to meet with England coach Andy Flower on Saturday, the BBC and British media reported, in a bid to resolve his international future.

The South Africa-born batsman has been exiled from the England team since the drawn second Test against the Proteas in Leeds, where he made a brilliant 149, after it emerged he'd sent "provocative" text messages to opposition players.

Some of these were alleged to be critical of Andrew Strauss, the then England Test captain, who retired from all cricket on Wednesday.

Strauss insisted his exit had nothing to do with the fall-out from the furore engulfing Pietersen, his predecessor as England captain.

Pietersen apologised for the texts but England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) managing director Hugh Morris said further talks were needed to "regain trust and mutual respect".

Pietersen didn't feature in England's third Test loss at Lord's, which saw them replaced by South Africa at the top of the world Test rankings.

He is also playing no part in the ongoing one-day

South Africa which England, in their first match since oneday captain Alastair Cook was confirmed as Strauss's successor as Test skipper, levelled at 1-1 with two to play following a four-wicket win at The Oval on Friday.

Pietersen has also been omitted from England's squad for this month's World Twenty20 in Sri Lanka, despite being named man of the tournament when the side won the 2010 edition in the Caribbean.

Prior to the text row, the 32-year-old Pietersen had been involved in a dispute which appeared to see him trying to set the terms of his international availability to fit in with his lucrative commitments in the Twenty20

Sagar wins **Rapid Chess**

SPORTS REPORTER

IM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar became unbeaten champion in the Perfect Fashion Rapid Chess Tournament which concluded at the hall room of Bangladesh Chess Federation yesterday. Sagar earned 6.5 points to clinch the title while Russia's Menina Veronika finished runner-up with the same points, said a press release from the federation yesterday. FM Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon became third, FM Aminul Islam fourth and Sohel Chowdhury finished fifth after all of them were tied

BFF approves last season standings

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) approved the points table of last season's Bangladesh Premier league and Bangladesh Championship League in an Executive Committee Meeting at the BFF House yesterday. This approval, although an academic one, informally gives a clean chit to the matches under investigation for alleged match-fixing.

Professional League Committee chairman Abdus Salam Murshedy though said they can take action any time if the investigation finds clubs guilty.

The meeting also approved the bylaws of the upcoming season's BPL and BCL, without incorporating the 'based on suspicious activities' term in it's clause which was supposed to give the league committee the authority to take action against any club, official or player being brought under investigation on the basis of

suspicion of match-fixing. The meeting, among other things, stuck to its decision to not allow BFF officials in their respective club dugouts during matches.

Meanwhile, the bylaws also approved a FIFA directive that will ensure players on national duty are released by their respective clubs 48 hours before the match -- in the case of a friendly, practice or qualification match -- and at least two weeks prior to any tournament which the

Salma happy FROM PAGE 16

women's cricket in the

country," hoped Salma. She was also confident about the upcoming challenge against the South Africa women's team.

"We will play much better cricket against South Africa in our own conditions because everybody is confident after the Ireland trip," said a confident Salma.

The South Africa women's cricket team will arrive on September 4 to play three one-day internationals and as many T20 internationals against their Bangladesh counterparts at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur as part of their preparation for the ICC Women's World Twenty20 to be held in Sri Lanka.

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September 6: 1st ODI at Mirpur. September 7: 2nd ODI at Mirpur. September 9: 3rd ODI at Mirpur. September 11: 1stT20l at Mirpur. September 12: 2ndT20l at Mirpur. September 14: 3rd T20l at Mirpur.

115 runs, lost experienced Virender Sehwag (43), Gautam Gambhir (two) and Sachin Tendulkar (17) before Kohli, Raina and Dhoni propped up the innings.

New Zealand's pacemen bowled well to keep pressure on India, with Tim Southee finishing the day with 3-35 and Doug Bracewell with 2-66. "Obviously with the new

ball it's nice to bowl and swing it, and we were lucky to pick up a few wickets there. India came back well after lunch as the ball got a bit older," said "The wicket is pretty good,

tant time for us with the second new ball to see if we can pick up the rest of the wickets." Raina, trying to cement his place in the middle order, was

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caught by wicket-keeper Kruger van Wyk down the legside off Southee after hitting one six and nine fours in his seventh Test half-century.

Stumped off a Patel no-ball when on 48, Raina counterattacked to ease the pressure as he hit Bracewell for three successive fours and then

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smashed Southee for two boundaries in an over. Southee removed opener

Kohli leads India fightback

Gambhir and Cheteshwar Pujara (nine) in his sharp opening spell in the morning, while Bracewell dismissed Sehwag and Tendulkar in his successive overs after lunch.

Gambhir, dropped on one by Brendon McCullum in the slips off paceman Trent Boult, failed to make the most of the chance as he was bowled offering no stroke. Pujara, who scored 159 in

the last Test, was caught by Boult at long leg while hooking. Opener Sehwag fell imme-

diately after hitting Bracewell for a four in the opening over of the afternoon session, caught by Daniel Flynn at short mid-wicket. He cracked eight fours in his 60-ball knock.

Bracewell then got a big wicket in his next over when he bowled Tendulkar to put more pressure on the hosts.

India's left-arm spinner Pragyan Ojha earlier finished with 5-99, his third haul of five or more wickets in a Test innings, as New Zealand added 37 runs in 8.4 overs to their overnight total of 328-6.

SCOREBOARD NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight

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Taylor Ibw b Ojha

Flynn lbw b Ashwin 33 Franklin c Raina b Ojha van Wyk c Raina b Zaheer Bracewell run out Southee lbw b Ojha Patel c Gambhir b Yadav Boult not out Extras: (b2, lb9) Total: (all out in 90.1 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-63, 3-89, 4-196, 5-

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215, 6-246, 7-345, 8-353, 9-353, 10-365. Bowler 10 INDIA: First innings Gambhir b Southee Sehwag c Flynn b Bracewell Pujara c Boult b Southee Tendulkar b Bracewell Kohli not out Raina c van Wyk b Southee Dhoni not out Extras: (b10, lb2, nb5, w1) Total (for 5 wickets in 78 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-27, 3-67, 4-80, 5-179.

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72 balls before he was bowled by Ajmal in the 46th over.

Australia had lost opener Mathew Wade in the second over for seven before David Warner and Michael Clarke added 66 for the second wicket.

Warner, who played an uncharacteristically slow knock, with his first run coming off his 19th delivery, and Clarke (37) slowly progresed the score to 74 before Pakistani spinners Ajmal and Hafeez (1-28) took three quick wickets.

Hafeez dismissed Clarke while Ajmal accounted for Warner -- both trapped in front of the wicket. Warner hit two boundaries in his 24 which came off 68 balls. Australia upped the pace of their innings when Maxwell hit two towering sixes off Rehman in the 40th over, helping them to 31 in the batting power-play. Paceman Junaid Khan took 3-52.

Jamshed stars in thumping win

SCOREBOARD AUSTRALIA Wade b Khan Warner Ibw b Ajmal Clarke Ibw b Hafeez M. Hussey b Ajmal D. Hussey Ibw b Ajmal Bailey c and b Rehman Maxwell st Kamran b Ajmal Christian c Ajmal b Khan Johnson b Khan Pattinson not out Starc not out Extras: (lb9, nb5, w5)

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