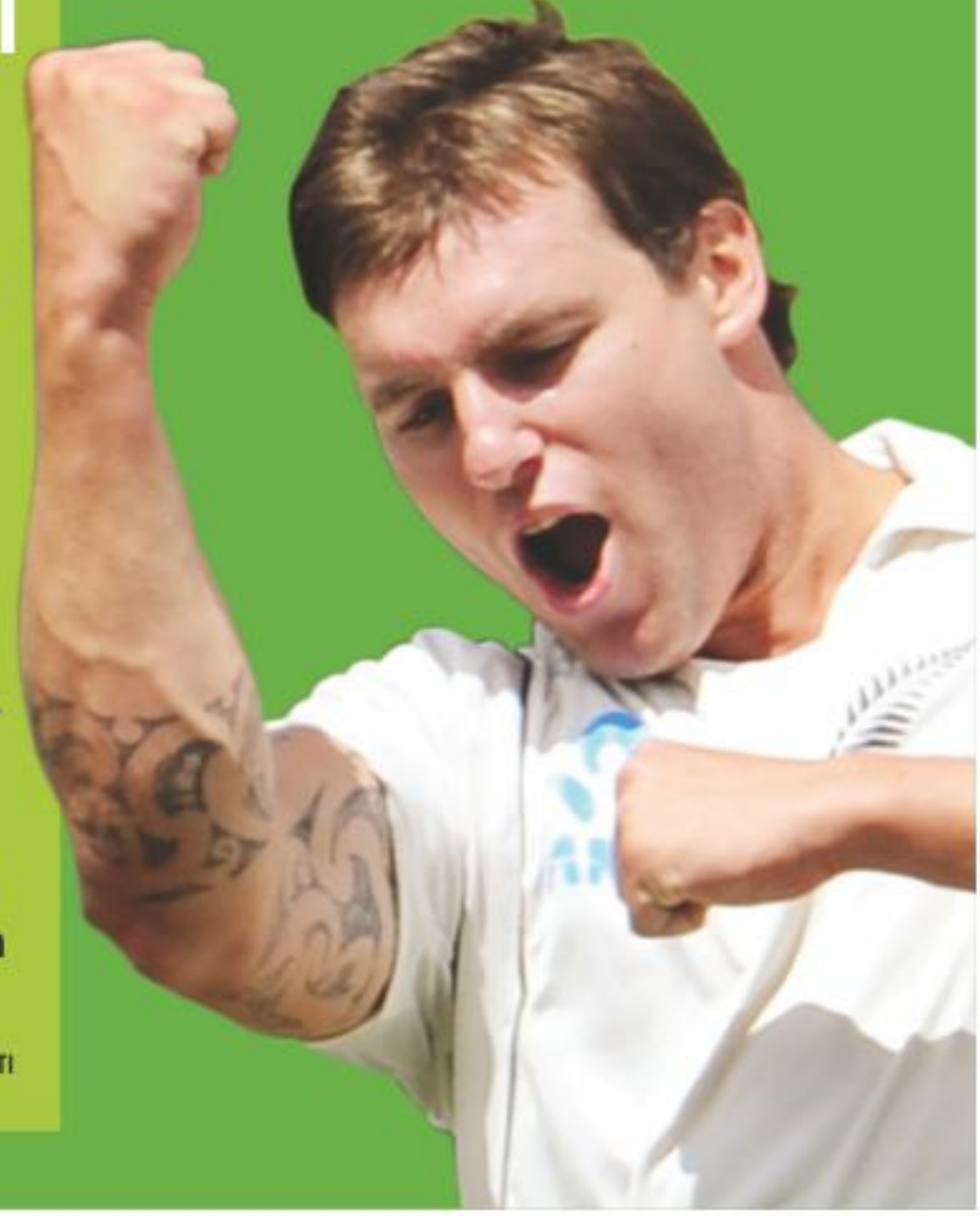


Sachin's Bracewell bogey

The Bracewells of New Zealand can boast of a unique achievement as two cricketers from the family have now dismissed Sachin Tendulkar in Test cricket over a span of 22 years. On Saturday, New Zealand seamer Doug Bracewell bowled Tendulkar through the gate for 17 during the second Test being played in Bangalore. 22 and a half years ago, it was Bracewell's uncle and former off-spinner John, who had the distinction of dismissing Tendulkar in a Test match in February 1990, caught by wicketkeeper Ian Smith.



Serbian tennis player Ana Ivanovic is pumped up after winning a point during her US Open 3rd round win over Sloane Stephens of USA in New York on Saturday.

Roger, Andy beat the heat

Five-time champion Roger Federer defied 32-degree heat and crushing humidity to reach the US Open last 16 Saturday as potential semi-final rival Andy Murray almost wilted in the New York sweatshop. Top seed Federer, bidding to be the first six-time winner in 87 years, defeated Spanish 25th seed Fernando Verdasco 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in a shade over two hours to make the last 16 for the 12th successive year. The Swiss next faces American 23rd seed Mardy Fish, who beat Gilles Simon, the French 16th seed, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (7/5), 6-3. Fish prevailed in a match which finished after 0100 local time Sunday morning despite hitting 74 unforced errors.

In stark contrast, third-seeded Murray, the 2008 US Open runner-up to Federer, needed almost four hours to clinch a 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/5), 4-6, 7-6 (7/4) victory over 30th-seeded Spanish left-hander Feliciano Lopez. Olympic champion Murray will next face 15th-seeded Milos Raonic, who defeated American wildcard James Blake 6-3, 6-0, 7-6 (7/3) on the back of 29 aces to become the first Canadian to make the last 16 in 24 years. Murray, four times a Grand Slam runner-up, had lost only one set in six prior matches against Lopez but had to come back from trailing in all three tie-breakers on Saturday. Federer only faced one break point against Verdasco, a player he has now defeated five times in five meetings. "I was never really in big trouble on my service games," he said. "The heat and wind weren't really a problem, but Fernando keeps you

guessing, he's a great shot-maker." Murray's 250th career match victory on hard courts, and his seventh in seven meetings with Lopez, came when the Spaniard netted a backhand. "This was the first match I had played in this humidity for a while so it was tough," Murray said. "I would like to be in slightly better form but these matches have helped with that." Eleventh seed Nicolas Almagro kept Spanish hopes alive when he reached the fourth round for the first time with a 7-6 (7/3), 6-7 (4/7), 7-6 (7/2), 6-1 win over American wildcard Jack Sock. Almagro will meet Czech sixth seed Tomas Berdych, who defeated American 27th seed Sam Querrey 6-7 (6/8), 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Croatian 12th seed Marin Cilic, a quarter-finalist in 2009, ended Asian hopes in the singles when he ousted Japanese 17th seed Kei Nishikori 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (3/7), 6-3.

SAFF WOMEN'S C'SHIP Bangladesh target final

Bangladesh women's football team leave for Sri Lanka tomorrow to take part in the 2nd SAFF Women's Championship with a target of reaching the final. Bangladesh have been pitted in Group A along with holders India, hosts Sri Lanka and lowly Bhutan as the eight-nation regional tournament kicks off from September 7 with Bangladesh facing India in one of two opening matches on opening day. "First we want to ensure our semifinal berth even though our ultimate target is to qualify for the final," said coach Golam Rabbani Choton at a press conference at the BFF House yesterday. "India are far ahead of us but we are better than Sri Lanka and Bhutan. So we hope to finish behind India in group phase and expect Nepal in the semifinals," said Choton. "In the inaugural meet held in Cox's Bazar, we lost to Nepal in the semifinal but we have improved since and hope to give Nepal a run for their

Bangladesh blast into Rd 2



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Bangladesh qualified for the second round of the Hockey World League by emerging unbeaten champions in Round 1 which concluded in Singapore yesterday. The Red and Green defeated Thailand 6-1 in their last match to maintain their 100 percent record in the tournament. Bangladesh had earlier beaten Hong Kong by the same margin in their first match before overcoming hosts Singapore 4-2. Bangladesh took the lead in the tenth minute through a field goal from Russel Mahmud Jimmy before Krishno Kumar made it 2-0 a minute later. The third goal came in the 24th minute from Moinul Islam Koushik as Bangladesh went into the breather with a 3-0 lead. Jimmy added another in the 44th minute from a penalty corner, the only goal coming from a set-piece in the match. Sarowar Hossain made it 5-0 in the 52nd minute before Thailand pulled one back a minute before the end. But Krishno Kumar scored again on the stroke of the final whistle to ensure a convincing 6-1 win. Jimmy has been the key for Bangladesh throughout the tournament; he finished the event with five goals while goalkeeper Zahid Hossain made crucial saves when it mattered most. The best player award for the tournament went to Singapore's Saifulnizam Md Seftu and the best goalkeeper was Thailand's Authachai Soh-Tree. The tournament victory means that Bangladesh will move onto the Hockey World League Round 2. The Round 2 will be held in 2013 where 16 qualifiers from nine groups will be joined

Titu has a look at the teams

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National team's interim coach Shaiful Bari Titu is searching for the right replacement for injured defenders Ariful Islam and Nasirul Islam ahead of two exhibition matches against Nepal this month as the practice matches among the booters got underway yesterday at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. The Red Team, comprising most of the senior booters who were members of Bangladesh's SAFF Championship squad, posted a single-goal win over the White Team, featuring the youngest players from U-18 to 20. Striker Enamul Haque, who missed the last season due to injury, struck the all important goal from the spot in the first half of the one hour long match. After being assigned to guide the national team in two exhibition matches in Nepal, SEE PAGE 17 COL 2



Bangladesh forward Moinul Islam Koushik gets between two Thailand defenders during their last match of the Hockey World league Round 1 in Singapore yesterday. Bangladesh won the match 6-1 to qualify for the next round.

Wolf roars to win Pistorius smashes 200m record

Switzerland's Edith Wolf on Sunday regained her T54 5,000m Paralympic crown and Kelly Cartwright of Australia jumped to glory, as Oscar Pistorius geared up to defend the first of his three sprint titles. The 40-year-old, who first won the race at Athens in 2004, crossed the line just ahead of Shirley Reilly of the United States and Christie Dawes of Australia, cheered on again by a near-capacity crowd of 80,000. Wolf said the support had motivated all the athletes but was still shocked at her victory. Cartwright, 23, broke the world record for F42 athletes in the women's F42/44 long jump with 4.38m, which in combined class field events is converted into points. Her score of 1,030 was good enough to beat Britain's New Zealand-born Stef Reid, who competed for Canada in Beijing, and France's Marie-Amelie le Fur, into silver and bronze. The two finals came before the evening session, which sees "Blade Runner" Oscar Pistorius go in the T44 200m, after setting a new world best of 21.30sec in Saturday's heat. The 25-year-old -- the Games' biggest name after he became the first double-amputee to compete in the Olympics -- is the defending champion in the 100m, 200m and 400m. Sunday's evening session will also see Britain's David Weir renew his rivalry with Australia's Kurt Fearnley and the Swiss "Silver Bullet" Marcel Hug in the T54 5,000m final. Sixty gold medals were being decided on Sunday, with a week to go until the Games come to an end. Track cycling comes to an end at the Velodrome, with the women's individual pursuit final for blind and visually impaired riders, the men's equivalent race and the mixed C1-5 team sprint. In rowing, Britain's LTA mixed coxed fours beat rivals Germany for gold at Eton Dorney but the host nation's gold medal hope Tom Aggar -- unbeaten in five years -- lost his Paralympic title in the AS men's single sculls final. That race was won by international debutant Huang Cheng of China, who smashed Aggar's world record in Friday's heat. Australia's Erik Horrie won silver and Russia's Aleksey Chuvashov took bronze, with Aggar in fourth.



South Africa's double amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius sets a new world record as he wins his men's 200m T44 classification heat in 21.30 seconds during the London 2012 Paralympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on Saturday.

2nd Test evenly poised



AFP, Bangalore

Indian off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin bagged five wickets to throw the second and final Test against New Zealand wide open on the third day in Bangalore on Sunday. Ashwin finished with 5-69, his fifth haul of five or more wickets in a Test innings, as New Zealand reached 232-9 in their second innings at stumps for an overall lead of 244. New Zealand pacesman Tim Southee earlier grabbed a maiden seven-wicket haul as India were bowled out for 353 in their first innings in the morning in reply to the tourists' 365. The 23-year-old finished with 7-64, the best by a New Zealander in a Test innings in India. New Zealand were struggling at 140-5 before James Franklin (41) and Kruger van Wyk (31) added 55 crucial runs for the sixth wicket to boost their team's hopes of setting a competitive fourth-innings target. Ashwin struck vital blows when he had Franklin stumped and then trapped van Wyk lbw before accounting for Southee in the last session.

Indian pacesman Umesh Yadav did the early damage when he removed both the openers in successive overs. He bowled Martin Guptill (seven) with a full-toss and had Brendon McCullum (23) caught behind. Skipper Ross Taylor, who scored an aggressive 113 in the first innings, contributed 35 this time as he was trapped leg-before while attempting to sweep left-arm spinner Pragyan Ojha. Ashwin, who took 12 wickets in his team's win by an innings and 115 runs in the opening Test, also had Kane Williamson (13) and Daniel Flynn (31) caught by Virender Sehwag in the slips. New Zealand earlier struck with the second new ball, which was taken immediately after it was due, as India added 70 runs to their overnight total of 283-5. Southee, playing his 19th Test, claimed four of the five wickets that fell in the morning, including those of middle-order batsman Virat Kohli (103) and skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (62). He took all of his wickets with the second new ball, conceding 28 runs in his lively eight-over spell. Southee came close to getting his eighth wicket but Guptill failed to hold on to a sharp chance in the slips off

SCOREBOARD					
NEW ZEALAND: First innings 365 (Taylor 113, Van Wyk 71, Guptill 53, Ojha 5-99)					
INDIA: First innings (overnight 283-5)					
Gambhir	b	Southee		2	
Sehwag	c	Flynn	b	Bracewell	43
Pujara	c	Boult	b	Southee	9
Tendulkar	b	Bracewell		17	
Kohli	lbw	b	Southee	103	
Raina	c	Van Wyk	b	Southee	55
Dhoni	lbw	b	Southee	62	
Ashwin	not out			32	
Zaheer	c	Van Wyk	b	Southee	7
Ojha	c	Van Wyk	b	Southee	0
Yadav	b	Boult		4	
Extras:	(b-11, lb-2, nb-5, w-1)			19	
Total:	(All out in 96.5 overs)			353	
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-27, 3-67, 4-80, 5-179, 6-301, 7-312, 8-320, 9-320.					
Bowler					
Boult	23.5	2	90	1	
Southee	24	6	64	7	
Bracewell	20	4	91	2	
Franklin	10	4	17	0	
Patel	19	5	78	0	
NEW ZEALAND: Second innings					
McCullum	c	Dhoni	b	Yadav	23
Guptill	b	Yadav		7	
Williamson	c	Sehwag	b	Ashwin	13
Taylor	lbw	b	Ojha	35	
Flynn	c	Sehwag	b	Ashwin	31
Franklin	st	Dhoni	b	Ashwin	41
Van Wyk	lbw	b	Ashwin	31	
Bracewell	lbw	b	Ojha	22	
Southee	b	Ashwin		2	
Patel	not out			10	
Boult	not out			0	
Extras:	(b-4, lb-12, w-1)			17	
Total:	(For nine wickets in 69 overs)			232	
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-31, 3-69, 4-111, 5-140, 6-195, 7-216, 8-222, 9-222.					
Bowler					
Zaheer	12	2	37	0	
Yadav	14	0	62	2	