



Young chess players mull over their next move during the Chess Championship at the Munshiganj Stadium pavillion yesterday.

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## Tredwell keeps SA to 220



AFP, London

James Tredwell atoned for dropping two catches with three wickets as England restricted South Africa to 220 for eight in the fourth one-day international at Lord's on Sunday.

The off-spinner took three for 35, all stumped by wicketkeeper Craig Kieswetter -- in eight overs.

Tredwell had kept his place after figures of two for 49 during England's four-wicket win across London at The Oval on Friday which levelled the five-match series at 1-1.

The Kent bowler only got his chance when England rested number one spinner Graeme Swann for the rest of this series because of a longstanding elbow injury.

And it seemed England might miss Swann as much

for his slip catching as his bowling on Sunday when Tredwell dropped openers Hashim Amla, on four, and Graeme Smith, on 26, both off fast bowler Steven Finn.

But unlike previous England dropped catches this season -- which helped Amla become the first South African to a Test triple century, at The Oval last month, and 150 in an 80-run win in the second one-dayer in Southampton on Tuesday -- neither proved excessively costly.

Instead it was South Africa-born Dernbach who had Smith, on 29, top- edging a pull to Kieswetter to leave the Proteas 68 for one after England captain Alastair Cook won the toss and fielded in overcast conditions that promised assistance to his seamers.

And missing Amla, 'only' cost England 41 runs Sunday when he was bowled

between bat and pad by medium-pace Ravi Bopara for an innings top score of 45.

Amla's exit was the start of a South Africa collapse from 100 for one to 115 for four.

JP Duminy was stumped off a well-flighted Tredwell delivery, before Bopara (two for 34) bowled Faf du Plessis off the inside edge.

South Africa went 13 overs without a boundary as captain AB de Villiers and Dean Elgar compiled a stand of 51 in 74 balls.

But de Villiers (29) and Wayne Parnell (five) were both stumped by former South Africa junior international Kieswetter, who finished with five dismissals in the innings, as Tredwell took two wickets for no runs in five balls.

Robin Peterson struck Tredwell for a switch-hit four and a six off successive

deliveries, the left-hander's 31 not out coming off 20 balls.

### SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA

Smith c Kieswetter b Dernbach	29
Amla b Bopara	45
Duminy st Kieswetter b Tredwell	18
De Villiers st Kieswetter b Tredwell	39
Du Plessis b Bopara	31
Elgar c Kieswetter b Finn	3
Parnell st Kieswetter b Tredwell	1
Peterson not out	3
McLaren run out	3
Steyn not out	13
Extras: (lb-7, w-6)	13
Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs)	220
Did not bat: Tsotsobe.	
Fall of wickets: 1-68, 2-100, 3-106, 4-115, 5-166, 6-174, 7-214, 8-215.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Finn	10	0	33	1
Anderson	7	0	32	0
Dernbach	9	0	51	1
Bopara	9	0	34	2
Patel	7	0	28	0
Tredwell	8	0	35	3

ENGLAND: Cook, Bell, Trott, Bopara, Morgan, Kieswetter, Patel, Tredwell, Finn, Anderson, Dernbach.  
Toss: England

## Clijsters bows out of tennis

AFP, New York

Belgium's Kim Clijsters bid what she vows will be a second and final farewell to her tennis-playing career on Saturday with a mixed doubles loss at the US Open.

Clijsters and American Bob Bryan were defeated by Brazilian Bruno Soares and Russia's Ekaterina Makarova 6-2, 3-6, 12-10 in a second-round match on the Grandstand stadium.

"It was an honour to be part of this lifestyle and this sport. I started when I was four and had so many dreams come true," said Clijsters.

"But life goes on. Tonight was one of the reasons why I wanted to play mixed doubles. Tennis will always be a part of my life and I will always follow it.

"I have won many beautiful things and have so many friendships but now I have a new chapter with my family."

Clijsters, who won three US Open singles titles, said earlier this year that this would be her final season and the US Open her farewell event.

She was ousted from the singles tournament in the second round by Britain's Laura Robson and in her first women's doubles match alongside compatriot Kirsten Flipkens.

Her final shot as a tennis player was a netted forehand which gave Soares and Makarova the victory.

## 2nd Test

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Ashwin, who went on to make an unbeaten 32 with five fours.

Ashwin helped his team cross the 350-mark with a 33-run stand for the last wicket with Yadav.

Kohli, playing only his 10th Test, cracked one six and 14 fours in his second hundred, and his first in India, while Dhoni hit two sixes and eight fours in his second successive Test half-century.

The pair added 122 for the sixth wicket.

Kohli, 93 overnight, flicked pacemen Doug Bracewell and Trent Boult for fours to reach his hundred but fell soon after, trapped leg-before offering no stroke to an incoming Southee delivery.

Dhoni straight-drove the first delivery from new-ball bowler Boult for a boundary to complete his 26th Test half-century. He added just 16 to his overnight score of 46 when he fell lbw to become Southee's 50th Test victim.

## Men take

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drew with Indian Fisabilillah while Sharmin Sultana Shirin and WIM Rani Hamid lost their respective boards.

The women's team are placed 81st having earned 4 match points and 9 games points. Russian women lead the points table with maximum 10 match points. There were no matches yesterday. The sixth round matches will be held today when Bangladesh men's team take on Turkmenistan and women's team play against Uganda.

## Federer rooting for Nadal return



AFP, New York

Roger Federer wants to see injury-hit Rafael Nadal back playing this year despite fears that his great Spanish rival is likely to miss the Davis Cup semi-final and even write off the rest of 2012.

Nadal, the seven-time French Open champion, hasn't played since a shock second round exit at Wimbledon in June.

He was forced to sit out the Olympics to recover from more problems with his knees, a requirement which also forced him to miss the ongoing US Open where he was champion in 2010 and runner-up last year.

"It's obviously not great news but one that was a possibility," said world number one Federer when told that Nadal could be forced to delay his return to the tour until 2013.

That would also rule him out of the Davis Cup semi-final against the United States in Gijon from September 14-16 as well as a potential final date in November.

Nadal's name is already absent from the team list published on the official Davis Cup website for the semi-final.

"I'm not shocked about the news. I'm still hopeful that he'll be okay for the rest of the year," added the world number one.

Federer and Nadal have developed a close bond despite their eight-year rivalry which has seen them battle for the world number one ranking as well as Grand Slam titles.

Between them they have won 24 of the last 30 majors.

Federer said that he and Nadal had never discussed the Spaniard's injury problems and that even if they did, their conversations would remain strictly confidential.

"I think it's quite personal except if one guy goes up to the other. But we're both very open and honest. When I ask him how he's feeling, he's not feeling well, he'll tell me, I'm

tired, a little injured," said Federer.

"There's no real secrets out there because he knows and I know when we tell each other that stuff it doesn't leave the room.

"That's a nice relationship I have with Rafa. It's based on a lot of trust."

On Saturday, Federer cruised into the US Open last 16 and admitted he always knew he would return to the world number one spot despite a shattering 2011 semi-final defeat in New York.

Federer, the five-time champion bidding to be the first six-time winner in 87 years, defeated Spanish 25th seed Fernando Verdasco 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 to make the fourth round for the 12th successive year.

He next faces American 23rd seed Mardy Fish, who beat French 16th seed Gilles Simon 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (7/5), 6-3.

Federer suffered a heart-breaking defeat in the semi-finals 12 months ago when he squandered a two-sets-to-love lead and two match points to lose to eventual champion Novak Djokovic.

But a seventh Wimbledon title, to take him to 17 Grand Slam trophies, put him back on top of the rankings for the first time since early 2010.

"Don't feel too sorry for me. I made the semi-finals last year and I was thinking about that match today," said the Swiss, who has already captured six titles in 2012 as well as taking the Olympic Games silver medal.

"I always believed I would get back to number one in the world and now that I am, it's amazing," Federer said. "It has been a great year."

Meanwhile, world number four Andy Murray also backed Nadal to return, but predicted it may take longer than expected.

"I'm sure he'll come back strong. It might just take a little bit more time. He's not really been out for really long periods of time beforehand. But he's always come back to be one of the best players in the world," said the Briton.

## Titu has a look

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coach Titu oversaw both of the matches -- Red vs White and Green vs Yellow which finished goalless. Titu will also watch two more matches for each of the four teams before picking up the final team for the exhibition matches which are likely to take place on September 18 and 20 in Nepal.

"I don't want to mention any player specifically as they have two more matches to play but first I want to search for the replacement of injured defenders Ariful Islam and Nasirul Islam," said Titu after watching the match between Red and White.

"It seemed to me that the senior side lacked motivation in the game and the junior team looked determined and they were clearly better in terms of effort and running. The young team got some good chances as well but could not convert them."

"I however will definitely consider the players' fitness as well as experience when selecting the final squad because I don't want to spoil the future of any promising player by giving a premature place in the national squad," said Titu adding that he would consider those youngsters, who might cement their places permanently in the national squad.

## Wolf roars to win

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Eleven table tennis medals were being decided. Hong Kong took gold and silver in the shape of Wong Ka Man and Yeung Chi Ka in the women's singles class 11, while China's Feng Panfeng beat Zlatko Sler of Serbia in the men's class 3.

Thailand's Thainiyom Rungroj took the men's class 6 gold, while Liu Jing gave China another gold in the women's class 1-2. In equestrian, Belgium's Michele George took gold in the grade IV individual championship test.

The Bocca programme got under way at the ExCeL centre, while Peter Norfolk -- Britain's opening ceremony flag-bearer and the man dubbed "the quadfather" -- was looking to defend his wheelchair tennis quad singles title for a third time.

Irish sprinter Jason Smyth gave a stunning performance in the T13 100m, streaking to victory in 10.46sec, breaking the previous world best of 10.54sec that he set in qualifying on Friday night.

## Bangladesh

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time. The match between the two sides will be an even affair."

Bangladesh beat Sri Lanka 2-0 and thrashed Bhutan 9-0 before being defeated 6-1 by Nepal in the semifinal of the inaugural meet two years ago.

Bangladesh team have been in continuous training for the last one month and they were not even released for the Eid-ul-Fitr and they played three practice matches against the national U-19 team. However captain Tirshna Chakma felt the preparation could have been better had they got more time.

"More or less, the girls had good preparation but it could have been better had we arranged practice matches outside the country, which was not possible due to financial limitations. If the girls can move to the final of the tournament, it will be a big achievement for Bangladesh's women's football," said Sirajul Islam Bachchu, chairman of the BFF Women's Committee.

The Bangladesh contingent has 27 members, with 20 players, team manager, head coach, assistant coach, team doctor, media officer, equipment manager and interpreter.

## Belgian GP Button's

AFP, Spa-Francorchamps

Jenson Button in a McLaren led from start to finish to win the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps on Sunday.

It was the Englishman's second race win of the season following his victory in the season opener in Australia in March.

Second place went to Sebastian Vettel of Germany in a Red Bull, with Kimi Raikkonen of Finland in a Lotus completing the podium.

The race got off to a chaotic start with a multi-car pileup at the first bend.

The end result of the accident was that world championship leader Fernando Alonso (Ferrari), former world champion Lewis Hamilton (McLaren) and France's Roman Grosjean (Lotus) were eliminated as the safety-car came out.

The crash appeared to have been provoked by Grosjean trying to jump ahead of Hamilton who smashed into the back of the Frenchman's car which then was catapulted onto and over the front of Alonso's Ferrari.

Also out of the race with car damage was Sergio Perez in a Sauber. All four drivers were uninjured.

The race resumed several minutes later with pole-sitter Button in the lead and he never looked like being caught after that.

## Roger, Andy beat the heat

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Martin Klizan who beat doubles partner Jeremy Chardy, the French 32nd seed, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Three-time women's champion Serena Williams went level with sister Venus on 61 US Open career wins when she coasted into the fourth round.

Olympic and Wimbledon champion Williams won eight games in succession to claim a 6-4, 6-0 win over Russia's world 42 Ekaterina Makarova, the woman who knocked her out of the Australian Open this year.

Williams, the fourth seed, fired 31 winners and eight aces and will next face unseeded Czech Andrea Hlavackova, who beat Maria Kirilenko of Russia, the 14th seed, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

"After 4-4, I started to play better and more consistent. She's a good opponent, she beat me in Australia so I knew I needed to play better and I did," said Williams, the 1999, 2002 and 2008 champion.

Hlavackova, the world number 82, and making her US Open main draw debut, will be playing in her first Grand Slam fourth round.



India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (2nd from L) celebrates the wicket of New Zealand batsman Daniel Flynn, one of his five wickets, with his teammates during the 3rd day of the 2nd Test in Bangalore yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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8 "Unh-unh"	50 Under the weather	22 Raw minerals	3 Distress-free
12 Vast expanse	51 Wrinkly fruit	23 Carpet	4 Billfold
13 Others (Lat.)	52 Lax	27 "Hum-bug!"	5 Hearty brew
14 Mountain goat	56 Compared to	29 Eternal	6 Platter
15 Bald	57 Caspian feeder	30 Mid-month date	7 Cordage fiber
17 Zilch	58 Try the sherry	31 Say it isn't so	8 Capital of old Assyria
18 Zilch	59 Engaged in	33 Spilling the beans	9 Reed instrument
19 Lurches	60 News-paper page	35 Snapshot	10 Teller's partner
21 File container	61 Pigpen	38 More, to Manuel	11 Old partners
24 Rest-room, for short		40 Protect	16 Disen-cumber
25 Before fixture		43 Chocolate source	
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT GUY ALWAYS INVENTS UNTRUE STORIES ABOUT HIS BREWERY TUBS. HE'S REALLY A BIG VAT LIAR.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals S