

# Chasing 481, England 90-4 at stumps

Agencies, Auckland

England will have to survive 90 overs with only six second-innings wickets intact on the final day of the third Test to avoid losing a series in New Zealand for the first time in 30 years. England went to stumps Monday at 90-4 with Ian Bell 8 not out after New Zealand, leading by 239 runs on the first innings, declared its second innings at 241-6 and gave the tourists the almost impossible task of scoring a



world record 481 to win the match.

England lost Nick Compton (2), Jonathan Trott (37), Alastair Cook (43), and Steve Finn (0) before stumps, suffering its most bitter blow when Cook fell in sight of the close of play.

The largest total achieved by any team in a successful fourth innings

run-chase was the West Indies' 415 against Australia 10 years ago. Only England, for a draw, and New Zealand, in defeat, have scored more than 450 in the fourth innings of a test.

New Zealand's hopes of claiming its first home series victory over England since 1983-84 rose sharply when it dismissed Compton in the second over of the innings. It peaked again when Trott was dismissed in the 24th over to leave England 60-2.

### SCORE BOARD

New Zealand first innings (443). England first innings (204). New Zealand second innings: (overnight 35-3): P Fulton c Root b Finn 110, H Rutherford c Bell b Broad 0, K Williamson b Anderson 1, R Taylor lbw b Broad 3, D Brownlie c Bell b Panesar 28, B McCullum not out 67, BJ Watling c Cook b Panesar 18. Extras (lb-10, b-4) 14. Total: (for six wickets dec. 57.2 overs) 241. Bowling: Anderson 17-6-59-1, Broad 17-5-54-2, Finn 13-1-57-1, Panesar 9-2-4-53-2, Trott 1-0-4-0. England second innings: A. Cook c Brownlie b Williamson 43, N. Compton c Watling b Southee 2, J. Trott c Watling b Wagner 37, I. Bell not out 8, S. Finn c Southee b Williamson 0. Total: (for four wickets, 52.1 overs) 90. Bowling: Boult 11-5-20-0, Southee 10-3-24-1, Martin 17-6-35-0, Wagner 8-6-6-1, Williamson 6.1-4-5-2.



# Storm halts Tiger Woods at Bay Hill

Agencies, Orlando

Tiger Woods's bid to regain the world No. 1 ranking with an eighth Bay Hill title was put on hold when a severe thunder storm forced the final round finish to be pushed to Monday.

Woods and playing partner Rickie Fowler had just completed the second hole when the horns blew to stop play. Woods's birdie at the par-three second put him 12-under for the tournament and stretched his lead to three strokes over Fowler, Keegan Bradley, Ken Duke and John Huh.

Woods won his seventh Arnold Palmer Invitational title here last year. A record eighth triumph in the event would see him supplant Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy atop the world rankings.

The 14-time major



champion has spent a record 623 weeks on top of the world.

But he has not paced the rankings since October of 2010 after injuries and an infamous sex scandal saw him tumble from the top 50.

Sunday's storm swept across the course in dramatic fashion, with gusting winds toppling a tele-

vision tower behind the 10th green.

NBC broadcaster Dan Hicks tweeted that five camera towers were blown over. Spectators were evacuated from the course and reporters from the media tent as the storm spawned a tornado warning in the area and briefly cut power in the clubhouse.

# HAU team climbs 4200 m high Patalsu Peak

Chandigarh: An 18-member team of mountaineering club of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar has returned after successfully scaling 4200 meter high Patalsu Peak situated in Solang valley in Himachal Pradesh. The team returned back to Manali by skiing. Stating this today, a spokesman for the university said that the team led by Dr Anil Panwar included 15 boys and three girls. They managed to scale the peak in eight days. The team also participated in adventurous activities like river crossing, rappelling and monkey crawling. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr K S Khokhar, Director, Student Welfare, Dr Ram Kumar Yadav and Chairman of Mountaineering Club.

# PepsiCo bags pouring, activation rights with 8 IPL teams

Kolkata: PepsiCo India today announced its association with eight out of nine IPL teams as the 'Exclusive Pouring Partner' for the upcoming Pepsi-IPL 2013 tournament. After winning the title sponsorship for the biggest annual sporting event in the sub-continent, PepsiCo's partnership with almost all participating teams further demonstrates its commitment to the sport of cricket and the ability to maximize value from the tournament, company sources here today informed.

Under the agreement reigning champion KKR, along with DD, CSK, Rajasthan Royals, RCB, Pune Warriors, Kings Eleven Punjab and the Sunrisers, Hyderabad teams would say "Oh Yes Abhi!" to Pepsi and other brands in the PepsiCo portfolio.

# 'Vulnerable' Watson itching to bowl to avoid axe ahead of Ashes

Agencies, Sydney

Australian all rounder Shane Watson has admitted his spot in the Test team isn't guaranteed now, following shambolic performances during recently concluded Test series against India. The vice-captain now wants to resume his bowling duties in order to safeguard his position in the team ahead of the all important Ashes this year.

Watson's once iron clad spot in the Test XI has be-



come increasingly tenuous after failing to prove his bona fides as a specialist batsman during Australia's 4-0 series loss in India. The deputy captain managed just 99 runs at 16.50, continuing form erosion that has seen him average just 24.11 with the bat, since taking over the vice-captaincy 19 months ago. Unable to bowl in In-

dia, Watson will reprise his all rounder duties in England; Australia are banking on him producing the heroics that made ex-English rival Andrew Flintoff an Ashes hero. Watson said if he is not scoring the runs or taking wickets then you can't expect to be picked, adding in this series he has not performed anywhere near where he has wanted to.

Watson added he is looking forward to being able to continue to play and hopefully get some continuity with his game over the next few months and be in some good touch when the selectors announce the Ashes squad. The 31-year added there is no doubt coming to India, as a specialist batsman has not worked out anywhere near where he wanted, and in the end he is an all rounder and loves being an all rounder.

# Amidst speculation of shift sale of tickets for IPL games from Mar 27

Chennai: Speculation that the matches could be shifted out of Chennai, Tamil Nadu Cricket Association(TNCA), the host, will begin the sale of tickets for the IPL 2013 matches to be played at the M A Chidambaram stadium, from March 27. Cricket Board(BCCI) and TNCA media manager Dr Baba confirmed to UNI that the sale of ticket priced from Rs 74\60 upto Rs 15,000 (Corporate box), would commence on Wednesday. The sale of tickets comes in the middle of speculation that the presence of 13 Sri Lankan players in the different IPL franchises may force the state government to ask BCCI to shift the IPL games out of Chennai. This is in the wake of the demonstrations over the alleged genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka by the army of that country and referendum on separate Tamil homeland Eelam in the island nation.

# Messi wary of Bolivian highlands



Agencies, Paris

Argentina may be cruising towards the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, but world player of the year Lionel Messi is still nervous ahead of Tuesday's trip to Bolivia. The South American heavyweights are four points clear at the top of the qualifying table and enjoy an 11-point gap to the first team outside the four automatic qualifying positions with just six games left.

Yet the trip to La Paz brings with it some bad memories for Messi and his teammates. Last time Argentina played there in 2009 they were humiliated 6-1 and the Barcelona magician has not forgotten the uncomfortable feelings he had high up in the Andes that day.

"Bolivia is going to be very difficult because of the altitude. I have very bad

memories from the last time," he admitted. "It's hard to judge the bounce of the ball and I remember feeling very short of breath."

Despite a side boasting the likes of Messi, Carlos Tevez, Javier Mascherano and Javier Zanetti, under the chaotic guidance of legend Diego Maradona, Argentina suffered their biggest defeat in 16 years when they last visited La Paz.

So distressing was the result that Maradona was moved to say at the time: "I suffered with them. Every Bolivia goal was a stab in my heart."

"If we had dreamed this was going to happen before the game, we would have thought it was impossible."

The 3,600-metre altitude no doubt played its role but given that several Andean countries play at club matches up in the mountains it cannot have been the only reason for such an inept showing.

An anomaly it certainly was as Bolivia failed to qualify for the 2010 World Cup while Argentina duly took their customary place at the showpiece in South Africa.

Such an outcome is likely once again, not least because Bolivia are above rock-bottom Paraguay only on goal difference.

And while the visitors warmed up for this match with a comfortable 3-0 success over Venezuela, Bolivia were busy being thumped 5-0 in Colombia on Friday.

# Djokovic & Sharapova win at windy Miami

Agencies, Miami

World number one Novak Djokovic and Russian Maria Sharapova shook off windy conditions to move into the fourth round of the Sony Open at Miami.

Serb Djokovic posted a 6-2 6-4 victory over India's Somdev Devvarman and Sharapova turned back fellow Russian Elena Vesnina 6-4 6-2.

Djokovic's win set up a clash with German Tommy Haas, who beat Ukrainian Alexandr Dolgoplov 6-3 6-2. "It was very difficult to kind of get into a rhythm because you couldn't really serve at 100 percent," Djokovic, the two-time defending champion, told reporters yesterday.

"You had to go more for precision and put twice as much effort into the step adjustments because of the windy conditions. All in all, I'm just happy to get through the rough day."

The top-seeded Serb took 28 of his 31 first-serve points and faced just one



break point in the 68-minute victory.

Haas, seeded 15th, moved through to the fourth round for the first time since 2001. He hit 13 aces and saved seven of the eight break points against his serve.

"He's probably one of the most experienced active players in the world now," Djokovic said of the German. "He can play equally well on any surface."

Spain's world number five David Ferrer outlasted Italian Fabio Fognini 6-1

7-5 and Japan's Kei Nishikori, Ferrer's next opponent, beat Xavier Malisse of Belgium 6-2 7-5. World number two Sharapova, who is on an eight-match winning streak, fell behind 3-1 in the first set but won 11 of the next 14 games to advance in straight sets.

"It wasn't easy for the both of us with the heat and the wind," Sharapova said. "It was just one of those days where you know you might not be playing your best tennis."

# Harmandeep Singh Khara wins 1 gold, 2 bronze at national

Kolkata: Harmandeep Singh Khara, a young rider from Eastern Command's Fort William Riding and Polo Club (FWRPC), won one gold and two bronze medals in three different categories at the just concluded national level equestrian event - Haryana Horse Show.

The 16-year-old rider declared a State Champion in horse show jumping in the open category at the West Bengal State Olympic Equestrian Competition held in Tollygunge Club, Kolkata, in January this year. Harmandeep won the gold medal in horse show jumping event. The bronze medals were won for 'tent pegging' and 'hacks junior' events. The event was held in Gurgaon from March 11 to 24. Son of a serving army officer, 'Harry' to his friends, Harmandeep took to riding when he was only eight at various army riding clubs where his father was posted.

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