

# India bowl Australia out for 250

**MOHALI, India** — India fielded and bowled with gusto to restrict Australia to 250 all out in 49.2 overs in the fourth one-day international here on Monday.

Left-arm paceman Ashish Nehra picked 3-37 and also ran out top-scorer Cameron White (62) after India won the toss and sent Australia in to bat in the day-night encounter at the Punjab Cricket Association stadium.

A disciplined effort in the field by the generally sluggish Indians resulted in four run-outs and contained the world champions to what looked like a below-par total on a good batting track.

Off-spinner Harbhajan Singh was back among the wickets after an indifferent show in the previous three games of this seven-match series, pick-



Indian cricketers celebrate the fall of Australian captain Ricky Ponting's wicket in the fourth One-Day International of the seven match series in Mohali yesterday.

**SCOREBOARD**

Australia Innings	
S. Watson c Dhoni b Harbhajan	49
S. Marsh lbw b Nehra	5
R. Ponting run out	52
C. White run out	62
M. Hussey c Sharma b Yuvraj	40
M. Henriques st Dhoni b Harbhajan	6
M. Johnson b Nehra	8
G. Manou run out	7
N. Hauritz not out	9
P. Siddle c Jadeja b Nehra	1
D. Bollinger run out	0
Extras: (1lb, 1nb, 9w)	11
<b>Total: (all out)</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Overs:</b> 49.2	
<b>Fall of wickets:</b> 1-24, 2-88, 3-123, 4-196, 5-217, 6-226, 7-236, 8-241, 9-247, 10-250.	
<b>Bowling:</b> Praveen 9.2-0-41-0 (4w), Nehra 8-0-37-3 (1nb, 1w), Ishant 5-0-42-0 (1w), Jadeja 7-0-27-0, Harbhajan 10-0-48-2 (2w), Yuvraj 10-0-54-1 (1w).	
<b>Umpires:</b> A. de Silva (SL) A. Saheba (Ind)	
<b>TV Umpire:</b> S. Hazare (Ind)	
<b>Match Referee:</b> C. Broad (Eng)	

ing 2-48 off his 10 overs.

Australia started off well but stumbled in the final overs, losing their last six wickets for 54 runs.

White, 26, hit three fours and a six in his 71-ball knock to steady the middle order after captain Ricky Ponting (52) had scored his third half-century of the series.

Ponting also shared a 64-run stand for the second wicket with Shane Watson (49) after the early dismissal of opener Shaun Marsh (five).

Ponting hit five fours and a six in his 59-ball knock for his 73rd half-century in one-day internationals while Michael Hussey chipped in with a fine 40 off 41 balls.

The Australian skipper lost his wicket to a direct throw from Ravindra Jadeja while Graham Manou (seven) was run out by Praveen Kumar.

Watson and Ponting helped Australia regroup after the cheap dismissal of Marsh, trapped leg-before by Nehra in the eighth over.

Watson was unlucky to miss out on his 10th half-century, being caught behind off Harbhajan for a 52-ball 49 containing six fours.

India left out the injured Gautam Gambhir while Australia brought in Marsh in place of all-rounder Adam Voges.

India need to average 5.02 runs an over if they are to go 3-1 up in the series and overtake Australia as the top-ranked team in one-day internationals.

## SLC official website down and out

On Friday, the Chairman of the Cricket Interim Committee D. S. de Silva, speaking at the inaugural cricket awards, asked those present at the event to be patient and give him three years to put all ills affecting cricket in the country right.

Fast forward to 8th of October 2009, when at the launch of the same event, the Interim Committee's secretary Nishantha Ranatunga said that corporate bodies were scared to associate with the game's governing body due to the negative publicity it attracts.

Probably, the secretary should have added a couple more aspects as well that discourages corporate bodies to duck relations with SLC; its incompetence and lackluster attitude. Wonder why? Just visit Sri Lanka Cricket's official website, [www.srilankacricket.lk](http://www.srilankacricket.lk)

The lead news in the web page is 'Welagedara makes Test comeback', a story that's one week old. It's been four days since the awards ceremony took place, but still no pictures are up and running. The lead pictures in the official website are of the launch of cricket awards scheme that took place on the 8th of October.

When you click the news item 'Welagedara makes Test comeback', you find Angelo Mathews' name spelt 'Anjelo Mathews' in the Test squad, but as you go down and find the T-20 team, his name is spelt 'Anjelow Mathews'.

The website has a section called 'vacancies' in its home page and according to that, the post for the assistant coach of the national team is still vacant.

That's not all. In the section called upcoming matches, also in the main page, what you get on top is New Zealand's tour of Sri Lanka, which incidentally ended on the 14th of September.

At this rate, if you give D. S. three years, he will only 'plague' the place with more relatives and ruin the sport.

*The Island Sports Desk*

## Bayliss believes Test form will give SL elusive win in India

Sri Lanka cricket coach Trevor Bayliss is confident his team's excellent form in Test cricket over the last 24 months will enable them to record their first ever win in Test cricket in India when the team tours the neighbouring country later this month for a three match series. The tour will also include five One-Day Internationals and two T-20 Internationals.



Trevor Bayliss

couple of years and the boys are quite confident that they can come up with a positive result in the series," Bayliss told 'The Island' yesterday.

After this Test series, for the whole of next year, Sri Lanka are scheduled to play only two Test matches - against West Indies at home and that remained a concern for Bayliss.

"The board is trying to organize a few more games for next year. However, next year is the one leading up to the World Cup and we have to be careful not to have an overdose of Test cricket and concentrate on ODIs," Bayliss added.

## Carlton Sevens rugby tournament

# Keen interest for slots despite pullouts by top schools

by Ravi Nagahawatte

Four schools have already qualified for the upcoming school segment of the Carlton Sevens rugby tournament, scheduled to take place on November 28 and 29, in Colombo.

St. Anthony's College, Katugastota, Maliyadeva Kurunegala, St. Anne's College, Kurunegala and Vidyarthi College, Kandy have booked their berths in the tournament for schools which will be held concurrently with the international tournament.

A source from the Sri Lanka Rugby Football Union (SLRFU) told The Island that the four schools qualified through a tournament held for schools in the Central, Uva, Sabragamuwa, Ruhunu, North Central and Wayamba Provinces.

The source added that an idea has been mooted to have two school teams and a combined development team from these provinces instead of the original plan to have four teams.

Another tournament will be held, soon, for schools in the Western Province which will be held on November 7 and 8 at the Royal College Sports Complex stadium, in Reid Avenue.

A total of 25 teams have sent in their entries for this tournament. Only eight teams will be selected for the main tournament from Western Province, making the total number of teams for the schools segment of the Carlton Sevens Tournament, 12.

A well placed source said that leading rugby playing schools like S.Thomas' College Mount Lavinia, St. Joseph's College Maradana, Thurstan College Colombo, Kingswood College Kandy, Dharmaraja College Kandy and Trinity College Kandy have refrained from contesting the qualifying tournament for the Carlton Sevens.

The focus on the Carlton Sevens Tournament will be the international tournament which feature the national teams of Japan, Korea, China, Kazakhstan, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, Iran, Pakistan, Jordan and host nation Sri Lanka.

## Gayle reappointed West Indies captain

Chris Gayle has been reappointed captain of the West Indies team after an emphatic vote in his favour and will lead the side to the tour of Australia later this month.



Chris Gayle

Gayle, 30, has been out of international cricket for the past four months because of a contractual dispute between the players' union and the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB), and - in his absence - the veteran Barbadian Floyd Reifer led the West Indies against Bangladesh and to the Champions Trophy in South Africa.

West Indies fast bowling legend Joel Garner will be manager of the squad, which is scheduled to leave on November 9 for the Three-Test series against the Aussies.

There was uncertainty over whether Gayle would be reinstated as captain and it is believed that Daren Ganga, the Trinidad and Tobago captain and his teammate Dwayne Bravo, were also considered for the job.

WICB officials voted overwhelmingly on Saturday to endorse the selection panel's recommendation to reinstate the big Jamaican left-handed opening batsman.

During a two-year reign as captain, Gayle's West Indies side had shown sporadic signs of promise but his overall win-loss record as captain in Test cricket remains negative - three wins, five losses and six draws in 14 matches.

His appetite for the job as captain had been questioned since this summer when media reports in England circulated about comments he made in an interview suggesting he was prepared to give up captaincy because of pressures of the job and cricket's heavy demand on him.

## Jamaldeen to undergo surgery

by Rochelle Palipane Guneratna

Former Sri Lanka ruggerite and now one of Sri Lanka's leading rugby referees, Nizam Jamaldeen is to undergo surgery on his right knee due to an injury which occurred while he was refereeing the second leg Callex League rugby match between Kandy Sports Club and Navy Sports Club at Navy Grounds, Wellisara.



Nizam Jamaldeen

He was forced to leave the field due to the injury in the 14th minute of the first half.

Subsequently, was replaced by D. Nimal who was acting as a linesman in that particular match.

Jamaldeen will undergo surgery on his right knee due to a Anterior Cruciate Ligament tear and a tear in the posterior horn of medial meniscus.

The surgery is to be performed by Dr. Ananda Perera, at the Sri Jayawardhanapura Hospital, on November 7.

## Java Lane in CEAT Trophy soccer final



Java Lane and Pelican players in action during the semi final which was played November 1, in Kurunegala. (Pic by Kamal Wanniarachchi)



Java Lane Sports Club beat Pelicans Sports Club 1-0 in the first semi final of the CEAT Trophy Division I soccer tournament.

The match was played November 1, at the Welagedara Stadium, Kurunegala.

Java Lane will meet Kalutara Park Sports Club in the final on November 7.