



David Warner

# Australia reclaim series

## Canberra

**D**avid Warner slammed his sixth one-day century of the year to lead Australia to a crushing 116-run victory and reclaim the Chappell-Hadlee Trophy series off New Zealand yesterday.

Warner smashed 119 off 115 balls to propel the Australians to an imposing 378 for five after being sent into bat. They then bowled out the Black Caps for 262 off 47.2 overs at the bat-friendly Manuka Oval.

New Zealand had to win in Canberra to keep alive their hopes of retaining the trophy after losing by 68 runs in the opening game in Sydney on Sunday. Warner led the way in Australia's third-highest ODI total and was supported by skipper Steve Smith's 72 off 76

balls and Travis Head's 57 from 32 balls, while Mitchell Marsh bludgeoned seven sixes in a unbeaten 76 off just 40 balls.

The Black Caps made a spirited attempt to chase Australia's hefty total and were 177 for three when Jimmy Neesham fell in the 31st over for 74, ending a 125-run stand with skipper Kane Williamson.

Williamson was dismissed nine overs later for 81 off 80 balls with five fours and two sixes, and with him went New Zealand's faint hopes of reeling in the Australian target.

Williamson's gamble on sending the Australians into bat backfired spectacularly when the home side feasted on a perfect batting wicket.

The pugnacious Warner set the tone with his 10th ODI

## BRIEF SCORE

**Australia** 5 for 378 (Warner 119, Marsh 76, Smith 72, Head 57) beat **New Zealand** 262 (Williamson 81, Neesham 74, Cummins 4-41) by 116 runs

century -- the third century in his last five ODI innings and his first against New Zealand.

Only three other Australian batsmen have scored more hundreds in ODIs -- Ricky Ponting (30), Mark Waugh (18) and Adam Gilchrist (16).

"It was a fantastic wicket and once you keep wickets in hand you can make 100 runs in the last 10 overs," Warner said. (AFP)



"He is somebody who I worked with as a player and his personality and professionalism were excellent throughout my period as interim manager"

Gareth Southgate about Sammy Lee

## REST IN SIGHT

**La Liga wants 3 billion TV audience by 2018**

### Doha

La Liga is targeting a global television audience of three billion people by the end of next season, a senior league official told a football conference in Qatar yesterday.

**Lulic facing ban over Rudiger race comments**

### Milan

Lazio star Senad Lulic could be handed a multiple-match ban for controversial comments made to Roma defender Antonio Rudiger in a fiercely-contested capital derby in Serie A on Sunday.

**Federer, Serena skip IPTL over India cash crunch**

### New Delhi

Tennis stars Roger Federer and Serena Williams have both pulled out of an exhibition tournament in India next week as a result of the country's cash crunch, organisers said yesterday.

**Feng bids to continue fine Dubai form**

### Dubai

China's world number four Shanshan Feng will look to extend her domination in the Omega Dubai Ladies Masters when she seeks a fourth title in last five years.

**Rio the 'most perfect imperfect Games' - IOC**

### Lausanne

"Everything worked" during the Games in Rio de Janeiro earlier this year, the International Olympic Committee said yesterday, insisting the event was the best it could be under difficult circumstances.

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## Duncan Watmore out for season

### London

**Y**oung **Sunderland** forward Duncan Watmore will miss the rest of the season with a cruciate ligament injury, the Premier League club announced yesterday.

Watmore, 22, was stretchered off after a collision with Christian Fuchs during Saturday's 2-1 win over Leicester City.

He subsequently visited a specialist in London and scans revealed he is facing a long period on the sidelines.

## Zidane determined to win group

### Madrid

**R**eal Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane insists the European champions aren't prepared to settle for second place behind Borussia Dortmund in Champions League Group F despite the potential for an easier last 16 tie.

Madrid need to beat the German giants at the Santiago Bernabeu today to secure top spot and the second leg of their last 16 clash at home.

However, given Real can't face Barcelona or Atletico Madrid even if they do finish second, as clubs from the same

country are kept apart, winning the group could prove more dangerous with Bayern Munich or Pep Guardiola's Manchester City potential opponents.

"We're only thinking about winning. We're not going to look at or think about other things," said the Frenchman, who led Madrid to their 11th European Cup in his first season in charge in May. "We want to finish top of the group."

Real extended an unbeaten run stretching back to April to 33 games thanks to Sergio Ramos's stoppage



Zinedine Zidane

time equaliser at Barcelona in El Clasico on Saturday to maintain a six-point lead over Barca at the top of La Liga.

Indeed, Real remain on course for five trophies this season having already pocketed the European Super Cup and with the Club World Cup to come in Japan later this month.

You have to highlight the side's work rate," added Zidane.

However, despite the stellar start to his coaching career in line with his feats as one of the greatest players of his generation, Zidane remains humble enough to admit luck has been on his side during a rollercoaster ride in 2016. (AFP)

## Bjorn to captain Europe at 2018 Ryder Cup

### London

**D**enmark's **Thomas** Bjorn will captain the European team at the 2018 Ryder Cup in Paris, Ryder Cup Europe announced yesterday.

Bjorn, 45, vice-captain for four previous Ryder Cups, succeeds Northern Irishman Darren Clarke.

"It's a huge honour for me to be named European captain for the 2018 Ryder Cup in Paris," Bjorn said in a statement on the Ryder Cup website.

"This is one of the greatest days in my career."

Bjorn, who is Denmark's most successful golfer, has played in three Ryder Cups, finishing on the winning side

in 1997, 2002 and 2014, and twice finished second in the British Open.

He was vice-captain of this year's team who lost 17-11 to the United States at Hazeltine.

A 15-time European Tour winner, he had been the favourite for the non-playing post, after Ireland's Padraig Harrington said he wanted to play at the event, and was chosen ahead of Scotland's Paul Lawrie.

"I have lived and breathed the European Tour for so long and now I will do the same with the Ryder Cup for the next two years," Bjorn added.

"I studied a lot of captains as a player and as a vice-captain

and always wondered what that feeling would be like to be the one leading out a team of 12 great players.

"Now it's my turn to do just that and it is an exciting moment for me."

Bjorn will be only the fourth man from outside the British Isles to captain Europe after Spanish pair Seve Ballesteros and Jose Maria Olazabal and Germany's Bernhard Langer.

He was chosen by a five-man panel of the three most recent captains -- Clarke, Paul McGinley and Olazabal -- plus European Tour chief executive Keith Pelley and European Tour tournament committee member Henrik Stenson. (AFP)



Thomas Bjorn