

BRIEFS

Dempsey dies

VETERAN football administrator Charles Dempsey, whose abstention from the vote cost South Africa hosting rights for the 2006 World Cup, died yesterday after a short illness at the age of 86. The Scottish-born Dempsey was the chairman of Soccer New Zealand when the team reached the World Cup finals for the only time at Spain in 1982. — *Sapa*

Dutch double SA

THE South African women's hockey team were beaten 4-2 in Rotterdam on Tuesday by the Netherlands. The two teams are taking part in a four-nations tournament ahead of the Olympics. South Africa's goals were scored by Kathleen Taylor and Vida Ryan. Today South Africa face Britain, who beat India 2-0. — *Sports Reporter*

Greats bid farewell

AUSTRALIAN cricketing greats joined Prime Minister Kevin Rudd yesterday at the funeral of former Test bowler Glenn McGrath's wife, Jane, who died at the weekend after a long bout with cancer. At a service in the same Sydney church where the pair were married in 1999, mourners paid tribute to Jane McGrath and her work supporting women with breast cancer through the McGrath Foundation. — *Sapa*

Gatlin won't run

A FEDERAL judge blocked on Tuesday a bid by banned Olympic 100m champion Justin Gatlin to compete in this week's US athletics trials for the Beijing Games. Judge Lacey Collier dissolved a 10-day restraining order that would have allowed the 26-year-old Gatlin to take part in the trials in Eugene, Oregon, starting tomorrow. He also denied Gatlin's request for a preliminary injunction in the case. — *Reuters*

Tiger op a success

TIGER Woods had successful reconstructive surgery on the torn ligament in his left knee on Tuesday, the golf superstar reported on his website. The procedure was performed in Park City, Utah, by Dr Thomas D Rosenberg and Dr Vernon J Cooley, who did arthroscopic surgery on the same knee for Woods in April. — *Sapa-AFP*

Marsh, Haddin shine

HALF-CENTURIES from Shaun Marsh and Brad Haddin set the stage for Australia to complete an 84-run victory in the first one-day international against the West Indies on Tuesday. Marsh scored 81 from 97 balls on his debut and Brad Haddin hit an enterprising 50 off 52 balls, as Australia reached 273/8. The West Indies were dismissed for 189 from 39.5 overs. The victory gave Australia a 1-0 lead in the five-match series. — *Sapa-AFP*

Mulaudzi in top form

SOUTH African Mbulaeni Mulaudzi, competing in the 800m at the Andalucia Grand Prix in Spain on Tuesday, clocked the fifth-fastest time of his career when he finished second in 1min 43.61sec, behind Cuban star Yeimar Lopez. — *Sapa*

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



BOOGIE WONDERLAND: Christopher Elliot, 17, performs an inverted air on his bodyboard, also known as a boogie board, at Noordhoek beach in Cape Town. Elliot was preparing for the national junior championship in Plettenberg Bay. The championship will be part of The Wedge Classic 2008 bodyboarding competition, which take place from July 8 to July 12  
Picture: MICHEL DEI-CONT

Chiefs beef up squad

Team will parade new-look side when they play Manchester United

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KAIZER Chiefs will parade their new-look side when they play Manchester United in the opening match of the Vodacom Challenge at Newlands, Cape Town, on July 19. Amakhosi coach Muhsin Ertugral has been busy beefing up his squad for the coming Premier Soccer League season, and said that he could not have asked for a better way to kick off the season and blood new players than against Manchester United. Chiefs have signed three new defenders: Burundi captain Valery Nahayo joins from relegated Jomo

Cosmos along with Gordon Gilbert and Thabang Rooi from First Division Mpumalanga Black Aces. "[Gilbert and Rooi] impressed me when they played against Mamelodi Sundowns in the Nedbank Cup final," said Ertugral. Aces put up a good performance against Sundowns, losing 1-0 on May 24. Also in the Chiefs fold is another budding star from Cosmos, Reneilwe Letsholonyane, as well as experienced Venezuela striker José Torrealba.

Ertugral has also signed what he believes will be a future star from the amateur ranks in striker Scara Mthembu. But the coach is hoping to get another striker and another attacking left-sided player, and has certain players in mind. "I have my eye on those players. The chairman [Kaizer Motaung] is negotiating with them and hopefully we will be able to make an announcement in the next week or so," he said. Chiefs were keen to sign striker Bernard Parker from Thanda Royal

Zulu, but he was not available. Ertugral was also keen on Supersport United defender Siboniso Gaxa, but Sundowns beat them to the punch. "Sundowns are spreading their money wide and it is difficult to compete, but there are other players we have our eyes on." Pirates play Manchester United at Durban's King's Park stadium on July 22 and then play Chiefs in Port Elizabeth on July 24. The winners play Manchester United in the final at Loftus on July 26. Tickets for the Challenge are on sale at all Computicket outlets. — *Sapa*

M'burg U have edge on FC AK

WALTER MABEBA

FC AK, the controversial First Division club that was last week exonerated of bribery (although the owner remains guilty) drew 1-1 with Maritzburg United at Eldorado Park yesterday in a promotion play-off match. The two teams are vying for a place in next season's Premier League. The result means that Maritzburg will play the second leg with an away-goal advantage. FC AK scored after Maritzburg United's keeper, Domenic Sithole, knocked a shot from Lucky Mase-

lesele back into play. Costa Khaiseb scored on the rebound. In the second half, United came back strongly and were rewarded in the 57th minute when Fadlu Visitors now at home, but with an away-goal advantage Davids out-jumped FC AK's defence to equalise. The second leg will be played at Harry Gwala stadium in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday. The winners will gain automatic promotion to

the Premier League while the losers will be joined by Dynamos, Bay United, runners-up in the inland and coastal streams, and Black Leopards in a second round of play-offs to decide which other team goes up. The Premier Soccer League's disciplinary committee recently found FC AK and their owner, Azziz Kara, guilty of bribing an opposition goalkeeper. Both were found guilty and fined R500 000 each. An appeal hearing exonerated the club, but confirmed the committee's finding on the club owner. Kara's ban from football for 30 years was reduced to 10 years.

SOCCER HOSTED BY EAST LONDON

SATURDAY'S Eastern Cape soccer tournament will be held in East London's Absa stadium on Saturday — and not in Port Elizabeth, as reported yesterday. Premier league champions Supersport United will participate, along with Bloem Celtic, Platinum Stars and Bay United. The gates open at 7am with the first match at 9am. Only 9 000 tickets are available and can be bought at Computicket, Shoprite stores and at MTN in Retail Park, East London.