

## Lanning urges Southern Stars to lift game

ELIZA SEWELL

AUSTRALIAN captain Meg Lanning says her side simply needs to play better if it is to win its second T20 match against England, and the Ashes.

The Southern Stars could have secured the series in Chelmsford early yesterday morning but suffered a seven-wicket loss.

England needs to claim the

remaining two T20 games to retain the Ashes, while a win in Hove on Saturday morning would seal it for Australia.

Lanning lost the toss and England put the Southern Stars in, with the visitors making 8-122.

England No.3 Sarah Taylor made 50 as the home side cruised past the total in the morning but suffered a seven-wicket loss.

"We certainly would've bowled first," Lanning said.

"We trained here last night and the dew really came up here about eight o'clock, so we thought it would be beneficial to be bowling first, but that's the way it goes.

"We just didn't play well enough today. England outplayed us. I don't think the toss was the reason we lost."

All-rounder Ellyse Perry was moved to the top of the order and made 30 off 37, while Lanning, at No.3, scored 28.

Lanning said momentum meant little going into tomorrow's match.

"T20 cricket swings so quickly," she said. "One innings or one over can really change the course of the match."

"Momentum between games, I'm not sure it's really there. In the game it's there, but from one game to another I'm not sure it's a big deal.

"We've just got to play better."



Matt Burke, Liz Ellis, Phil Waugh and Matt Hayden  
Picture: KATRINA BRIDGEFORD

## Pair going in to bat for Tiwi islanders

MARC MCGOWAN

BOOKS in the library. Fruit on trees. A man-made dam full of fish. Job prospects.

It is a world most of us take for granted, but a foreign one for Tiwi islanders until Australian Test great Matt Hayden and Macquarie Bank executive director Guy Reynolds intervened.

Those essentials are now all - in some shape or form - part of daily life on Melville Island, the second-largest island in Australia behind Tasmania, six years since the close friends dared to dream.

"It's easier to see a career and a certain way of life," Hayden said, turning to

Reynolds, in Darwin this week. "People will never forget what you've done at the bank and what I've done in a sporting landscape, but not many people will understand what this means to you and I." Reynolds: "For us, as mates, this is the most powerful thing we will ever be involved in."

Together they created the Hayden Reynolds Tiwi College Project, an independent mission designed to support the College and offer "pathways for positive social change".

The idea spawned from one of the pair's fishing trips, this one on the Tiwi Islands.

Hayden and Reynolds realised they could make a

difference to a community with a population of just 2500 that was in desperate need.

There were high rates of suicide and drug dependency.

Only one of those people had a job six years ago, but Reynolds said by the end of 2016 that number would increase to six through the KPMG Tiwi College Apprenticeship Program.

They raised \$62,691 for that cause on Wednesday night at a function attended by Australian sporting greats Matt Burke, Phil Waugh and Liz Ellis, and aim for as much as \$350,000 by trip's end.

That would push total project funding in the six years to more than \$3 million.

Tiwi College's garden and sustainability program not only provides food, but also offers career alternatives through garden-related courses.

"Creating these opportunities is so fantastic... it's just a different environment, a better environment," Reynolds said. "The girls embraced it aggressively and the boys, through peer pressure, initially thought, 'This isn't cool enough', but now the boys are coming down to the garden."

A college that once had only 30 students now has 81 and hopes of more, as well as a waiting list.

The annual Tiwi Ashes match will be held on Melville Island today.

JORDAN MCARDLE

NORTHERN Territory's under-age sides will be topped up by interstate players for the upcoming Cricket Australia national championships.

Nine of the 13-player squads in both the under-19s and under-17s sides will be Territorians, with two apiece added from NSW and Victoria.

Recent changes by Cricket Australia regarding age limits in National Championship competitions have resulted in a balance of talented NT junior cricketers who have impressed at recent selection trials, along with the interstate supplementary players.

NT Cricket chief executive Troy Watson felt it was a positive move to strengthen the

Territory side, but hoped it was only a short-term thing.

"As we develop over the next couple of years, the intention certainly is to be sending 13 Territorians as soon as we can," Watson said.

"We don't want to take kids away who will have a really poor experience, because it will affect their cricket."

NTIS and NT under-17s

coach Graeme Smith has backed the side to succeed, despite the recent changes.

"The squad chosen have limited national competition experience, however we believe will be extremely competitive on the big stage," Smith said.

"We are pleased that Cricket Australia are able to assist by boosting our stocks with sup-

# Hayden weighs in on Haddis' mid-tour dismissal

MARC MCGOWAN

RETIRED Australian Test great Matt Hayden says dumped wicketkeeper Brad Haddin should not have toured England for this year's disastrous Ashes campaign and skipper Michael Clarke "did not turn up".

Hayden, in the Northern Territory to raise money and awareness for his Hayden Reynolds Tiwi College Project, said he could not remember a cricket series like the drama-packed, just-completed Ashes.

England reclaimed the Ashes with a 3-2 series victory, but each Test was lopsided in one country's favour and several finished inside three days.

"I don't reckon I've ever seen a series like it that swayed in one direction massively one way or the other," Hayden said. "There was nothing in the series either way; it just seemed to run purely on momentum of the day."

"I started calling it a little like 2005, but every one of those Test matches - and why that was such a great (Ashes) series - went into the fifth day."

Hayden, who averaged 50.73 with the bat from 103 Tests, was critical of Australian selectors' decision not to pick 37-year-old Haddin for the third Ashes Test after he missed the second match to attend to his sick daughter.

Peter Nevill replaced the out-of-form Haddin for the second Test and kept his spot for the remainder of the Ashes.

"I made some calls early doors about Haddin (being dropped) and how that affects the culture of a side," Hayden said.

"Whether Nevill is a better player than Haddin or not, who knows? You can see how



Matt Hayden

he's got his place and 'Haddis' has been dropping in form.

"But that 1 per cent culturally, when you're overseas getting exposed in the English tabloids and you're under the pump, can be 20 per cent in performance."

Hayden said selectors should not have picked Haddin originally if he was that close to being dumped.

"Culturally again, you're talking about men who are away with each other 11 months of a year and they give a s\*\*\* (about each other)," he said.

"If you start tampering with that element in a workplace, it does make waves, but no one wanted to admit it."

Hayden said Clarke's battling struggles, which culminated in him announcing his retirement before the last Test, also didn't help.

"The other factor is Michael Clarke did not turn up - rightly or wrongly. It's not his fault, it was just a form slump at that time," he said.

"You've got the best player in the side, the captain, not playing well and it's a huge factor. They needed him to be really steady and consistent and it just didn't happen."

## UNDER-17 SQUAD

Nicholas Arnold (Sydney University), Sam Beer (Carlton), Declan Curran (Darwin), Jack Edwards (Manly), Dean Fry (Southern Districts), Hamish Martin (Tracy Village), Harrison Martin (Nightcliff), Daniel McKeil (Southern Districts), Sam Milne (Fitzroy), Dylan Mullen (Southern Districts), Antum Naqvi (Tracy Village), Thomas Nixon (Federal), Wilson Ryan (Tracy Village)

## Territory's young guns get by with help from friends

plementary players which will add a depth of experience and assist the NT boys to develop their cricket skills against the best in the country."

The squad will attend pre-tour training from September 24 in Brisbane ahead of the under-17s champs on September 28 to October 8. Southern Districts' all-rounder Dylan Mullen will skipper the side.