

# Home on a wet sole

## Amanda Lulham

TEENAGER Chris Percy isn't daunted by the thought of massive waves washing over him on the deck or slamming into nasty seas during his first Sydney to Hobart — it's having to wear shoes and gloves that has him worried.

"I don't normally wear either of them. I don't even usually wear shoes," said Percy — who finished school this year and will be leading a crew of 10 in the race, including fellow first-timers Jay Restall and Ray Smith.

The Gold Coaster is the youngest skipper in this year's race south, turning the minimum age of 18 in August. He will take charge of his father Mathew's yacht *Alacrity*.

Percy will spend most of the voyage at the front of the boat as bowman while Dad is at the back on the helm.

"We try to keep our arguing and yelling to a minimum," Percy said.

This year three 18-year-olds will be skipping yachts, with Jessica Watson heading the *Ella Bache Another Challenge* crew and Peter Langman in charge of the oldest and smallest yacht, the 79-year-old, 30ft *Maluka*.

Race officials will do spot checks on race day to ensure crews meet race safety standards with what could be a



Toeing the line: Teenager Chris Percy is more worried about wearing shoes than facing the wrath of the ocean Picture: Brett Costello

rough and tough race forecast. Ten or so yachts will be randomly selected, with safety officials to board the boats before the 1pm start on the Harbour to check equipment.

The race has one of the strictest safety codes in world sailing, made even tougher after the deadly 1998 race

when a raft of new rules were introduced. Banning sailors under 18 and making it mandatory for all sailors to wear personal EPIRBs (Emergency Position Indicating Emergency Beacons) were just two new rules introduced.

No lives have been lost at sea since the 1998 race.

Yesterday the crew on the supermaxi *Wild Oats* went through their paces on Sydney Harbour and were briefed by the Westpac rescue helicopter crew, who demonstrated their rescue procedures.

On the weekend the crew on fellow 100-footer *Investec Loyal* did man-overboard

drills off Sydney Heads with most sailors in the race having completed an intense Safety and Sea Survival course.

"It was one of the best things I have ever done," said Paralympian and *Loyal* crewman Kurt Fearnley.

"It really brings home to you what could happen."

# It's not about the bike

## Robert Grant MotoGP

CASEY Stoner's talent rather than his bike was the reason Honda became a MotoGP championship team this year, according to rival Yamaha.

The 26-year-old won the world title for the second time at Phillip Island in October after dominating the season. Yamaha boss Wilco Zeelenberg says Honda's RC212V was barely different to the 2010 Honda but Stoner's skill turned it into a world beater.

Not only did Stoner close out Yamaha and Ducati he also was consistently quicker than teammate Dani Pedrosa.

Yamaha's former world champion, Jorge Lorenzo said Honda had improved their machine with a new gearbox but admitted it was Stoner's ability to wring so much performance from the bike which was intimidating.

"He is very talented and he can ride the bike to the limit in every situation," Lorenzo said.

Zeelenberg said Stoner had reinvigorated the entire factory Honda outfit.

He hinted Stoner would go into the 2012 series favoured to win a third world title with Lorenzo his closest rival.

# scoreboard

## Athletics

**BANKSTOWN:** The Crest: 3km Mxd relay: J Sturtz R Thiel, W Jessop E McCann, M Sheehan G Jessop. Family: P Eisenhuth K Eisenhuth, M Ingram R Ingram, M Forrester D Forrester.

## Bowls

**CLUB FORESTVILLE:** Mxd fours c'ship: B Gattas F Butler V Robinson R Butler 33 S Robson M Cliff T Fletcher P Robson 8. **PARRAMATTA RSL:** Christmas Cup F Pairs: W Carter R Brown 19 B John R Warner 15. Triples: F Sargent S Knight K Pender 24 G Dunn G Holmes G Chung 14.

## Cricket

### TOUR MATCH

**Chairman's XI v India (Manuka Oval)**

**India 1st Innings**

G GAMBHIR	b Behrendorff	24 (69)
V SEHWAG	c Doolan b George	12 (12)
A RAHANE	c Khawaja b Lalor	15 (35)
V KOHLI	c Ludeman b Holland	132 (171)
VVS LAXMAN	b Holland	15 (39)
R SHARMA	c Behrendorff b George	47 (74)
M DHONI	c Boyce b Holland	3 (12)
R ASHWIN	c Doolan b Holland	4 (13)
V KUMAR	not out	6 (43)
Z KHAN	b Holland	4 (8)
A MITHUN	c Doolan b Holland	0 (2)
<b>Sundries</b>	(1b 1lb 1w 3nb)	7
<b>Total</b>		269
Fall: 20 (Sehwag), 52 (Rahane), 53 (Gambhir), 84 (Laxman), 185 (R Sharma), 207 (Dhoni), 227 (Ashwin), 263 (Kohli), 269 (Khan), 269 (Mithun)		

**India 2nd Innings**

GAMBHIR	not out	42 (98)
SEHWAG	c Cooper b George	8 (8)
KHAWAJA	c Dholi b Yadav	0 (16)
HARMA	not out	38 (57)
<b>Sundries</b>	(2lb)	2
<b>wickets (dec) for</b>		90
Fall: 20 (Sehwag), 14 (Rahane)		

**Chairman's XI 2nd Innings**

JA	not out	56 (84)
S	not out	42 (97)
(1lb 1nb)		2
<b>wickets for</b>		100
Fall: 31 (Khan 51-13-0 (Inb)), 1 Sharma 4-0-1-0-0 (Inb), R Ashwin 10-2-28-0, P Ojha 17-6-1. Overs: 59		

## SECOND TEST

**BANGLADESH v PAKISTAN (Dhaka)**

**Bangladesh 1st innings 338**

**Pakistan 1st innings 470**

**Bangladesh 2nd innings**

T IQBAL	c ul Haq b Gul	21
M NAZIMUDDIN	b Rehman	12
S NAFEEZ	lbw Gul	0
M MAHMUDULLAH	c Rehman b Cheema	79
Nas HOSSAIN	b Rehman	79
S al HASAN	c Ali b Cheema	6
M RAHM	c Ajmal b Rehman	53
E SUNNY	b Ajmal	4
S HOSSAIN	c Khan b Rehman	1
Naz HOSSAIN	not out	8
C ALI	b Akmal b Ajmal	0
<b>Sundries</b>	(10b 7lb 1w)	18
<b>Total</b>		234
Fall: 24 (Iqbal), 24 (Nafeez), 54 (Nazimuddin), 76 (Mahmudullah), 95 (al Hasan), 212 (Nas Hossain), 221 (Rahim), 226 (S Hossain), 228 (Sunny), 234 (Islam)		

**Pakistan 2nd Innings**

M HAFEEZ	c S Hossain b al Hasan	47
T UMAR	c Nazimuddin b Naz Hossain	3
A ALI	b Sunny	34
Y KHAN	not out	16
M ul HAQ	not out	6
<b>Sundries</b>	(1nb)	1
<b>Three wickets for</b>		107
Fall: 7 (Umar), 70 (Hafeez), 101 (Ali)		

**Bowling:** Naz Hossain 5-1-19-1, S al Hasan 10-1-47-1, S Hossain 4-0-26-0 (Inb), R Islam 1-0-8-0, E Sunny 0-5-0-7. Overs: 20.5

**Result:** Pakistan won by 7 wickets

**Series:** Pakistan won two-match series 2-0

## BIG BASH LEAGUE

**HOBBART HURRICANES v SYDNEY SIXERS**

**Hobart Hurricanes Innings**

J WELLS	b Thornely	17 (18)
P JAQUES	c Henriques b Starc	73 (55)
T BIRT	c Nevill b Starc	65 (41)
O SHAH	not out	8 (6)
T TRIFFITT	not out	0 (0)
<b>Sundries</b>	(2b 2lb 2w)	6
<b>Three wickets for</b>		169
Fall: 37 (Wells), 144 (Birt), 152 (Jaques)		

**Bowling:** B Lee 4-0-19-0 (1w), M Starc 4-0-35-2, J Hazlewood 4-0-29-0 (1w), D Thornely 2-0-13-1, D Bravo 2-0-23-0, S MacGill 2-0-17-0, M Henriques 2-0-29-0. Overs: 20.

**Sydney Sixers Innings**

P NEVILL	b Hilfenhaus	3 (4)
M LUMB	b Krejza	3 (9)
N MADDISON	lbw Krejza	33 (27)
S SMITH	c Laughlin b Doherty	28 (28)
M HENRIQUES	c Jaques b ul-Hasan	22 (17)
D BRAVO	c Shah b Laughlin	3 (5)
D THORNELY	b ul-Hasan	4 (4)
B LEE	b ul-Hasan	8 (7)
M STARC	not out	8 (8)
J HAZLEWOOD	b ul-Hasan	2 (6)
S MACGILL	not out	6 (5)
<b>Sundries</b>	(5lb 2w)	5
<b>Nine wickets for</b>		127
Fall: 7 (Nevill), 7 (Lumb), 64 (Smith), 73 (Maddison), 85 (Bravo), 93 (Thornely), 110 (Henriques), 110 (Lee), 114 (Hazlewood)		

**Bowling:** J Krejza 4-0-20-2, B Hilfenhaus 4-1-33-1, X Doherty 4-0-20-1, B Laughlin 4-0-27-1, N ul-Hasan 4-0-22-4 (2w). Overs: 20

**Result:** Hobart Hurricanes won by 42 runs

**Points:** Hurricanes 2 Sixers 0

## BRISBANE HEAT v MELB STARS (Gabbra)

**Melbourne Stars Innings**

R QUINEY	c Christian b Harris	97 (60)
M WADE	c Forrest b Hauritz	5 (4)
G BAILEY	lbw Hauritz	10 (9)
D HUSSEY	c Buchanan b Christian	45 (32)
C WHITE	b Hauritz	2 (4)

A VOGES run out (Robinson) 13 (9)

L WRIGHT not out 0 (2)

J FAULKNER run out (McCullum) 0 (0)

**Sundries** (2lb 3w) 5

**Seven wickets for** 177

Fall: 15 (Wade), 31 (Bailey), 136 (Hussey), 145 (White), 173 (Voges), 177 (Quiney), 177 (Faulkner)

**Bowling:** N Hauritz 4-0-18-3 (1w/2), R Harris 4-0-31-1, D Christian 4-0-42-1, A McDermott 4-0-29-0, N Buchanan 1-0-16-0, M Nesar 3-0-39-0 (1w). Overs: 20

## Brisbane Heat Innings

B MCCULLUM b Warner 36 (25)

M HAYDEN c Wright b McKay 22 (10)

C LYNN c Wade b McKay 13 (9)

P FORREST c Warner b Dernbach 12 (16)

D CHRISTIAN c Wright b Faulkner 18 (11)

A ROBINSON run out (Wade) 1 (3)

M NESER not out 30 (21)

N BUCHANAN hit wicket b McKay 2 (6)

R HARRIS not out 25 (20)

**Sundries** (3lb 6w 1nb) 10

**Seven wickets for** 169

Fall: 39 (Hayden), 59 (Lynn), 85 (McCullum), 89 (Forrest), 100 (Robinson), 107 (Christian), 114 (Buchanan)

**Bowling:** J Faulkner 4-0-36-1 (1w), J Dernbach 4-0-41 (1w), C McKay 4-0-22-3 (1w 1nb), L Wright 4-0-42-0 (2w/3), S Warner 4-0-22-1

**Overs:** 20

**Result:** Melbourne Stars won by 8 runs

**Points:** Stars 2 Heat 0

## Golf

### MEN

**ASQUITH:** Team Agg: T Maiolo (16) K Hooker (2) G Price (13) R Hooker (Avondale 4) 142

**BANKSTOWN:** 2B Agg: R Nagle (5) L Killen (22) 2: K Smuin (23) G Rowe (30) 4:6. Scr: J Flood W Yurasaki 39. Indiv A: R Hooker (Avondale 4) 41. B: R Babb (17) 40. C: A Mooy (20) 38. Veteran: D Hayes (11) 40.

**BALGOWLAH:** S'ford: M Hargraves (35) 44.

**BANKSTOWN:** 2B Agg: R Nagle (5) L Killen (22) 7. Scr: R Hore G Cornish 63. Indiv A: T Garratt (10) 40. B: L Niko (16) 40. C: T Irvine (19) 39.

**BARNWELL PARK:** S'ford: F Tumeth (24) 39.

**BAYVIEW:** 2B: K Kyriacou (26) R Langbein (28) 51. Scr: A Whipp W Freedman 33. Indiv A: S Colley (10) 44. B: T Price (22) 43. C: T Hore (30) 43. Hole-in-one: K Timms at 8th.

**BEVERLY PARK:** 2B Agg: T Hyde (11) K Wilson (16) 82. Scr: A Haigh T Fortescue 69. Indiv: C Murray (21) 47.

**BEXLEY:** 2B: F Kidenya (4) S Papadopoulos (2) 52. Scr: P Davis F Biligic (Taraqa) 38. Indiv: M Cuena (16) 44. Plate: P Feltham (15) 43.

**BLACKHEATH:** 2B: D Hall (13) D Birrell (12) 49. Indiv: D Hall (13) 44.

**BONNIE DOON:** 2B: M McKenzie (16) B Bray (15) 47. Indiv A: G Moddel (10) 41. B: M Bray (15) 43. C: J Radovan (23) 41. D: S Cordell (36) 37. Scr: B Baker 33.

**BONVILLE:** 2B Agg: W Parker (14) L Parkes (20) 79. Indiv: W Maroulis (29) 42.

**CABRAMATTA:** 2B Agg Div 1: D Attard (6) G Drayton (20) 69. Div 2: T Mateos (12) R Falcon (28) 66. Scr: O Woodley J Ingram 63. Team: B Denison (12) M Clarke (24) T Mateos (12) R Falcon (28) 100. Indiv A: P Wood (10) 36. B: B Davidson (Hurstville 18) 36. C: G Drayton (20) 41. Hole-in-one: P Rule at 5th.

**CAMMERAY:** 2B: B Taylor (25) G Sinclair (14) 48. Indiv: D Downer (10) 42. Plate: M Vaccarella (10) 38. Hole-in-one: C Stevens at 3rd.

**CAMPBELLTOWN:** 4B: M Palmer (9) S Baker (19) 47. Indiv A: G Nicholls (9) 39. B: S Baker (19) 40. C: A Calman (20) 39. Scr: M Bell 37.

**CASTLE HILL:** AMCR 73 2B: F Kim (17) KW Shim (21) 47. Indiv: KW Shim (21) 44. PM: 2B:

K Lowrey (19) J Vodanovich (28) 51. Scr: P Iddiqui G Koo 43. Indiv: P Duncan (15) 45.

**CHATSWOOD:** 2B: G Wightman (20) A Nutting (15) 52. Scr: G Lynch (PGA) J Stephens 40.

**CONCORD:** 2B: J Dalton (23) K Edwards (15) 49. Scr: R Smith M Wittenberg (Avondale) 44. Indiv A: P Stephens (3) 41. B: B Ollerton (17) 42. C: C Kennedy (32) 43. Gold 2B: M Patrick (30) A Jessup (35) 46. Indiv: R Forman (36) 40.

**CROMER:** 2B: J Ramsay (25) T Lyndon (23) 55. Indiv div 1: K English (20) 45. Div 2: A George (22) 45. Scr: M White 34.

**CUMBERLAND:** 2B: G O'Neill (16) J Kenyon (7) 49. Scr: D Falcon G Hyde 41. Indiv A: J Bannerman (7) 42. B: T Johnson (Nambucca Heads 19) 42. C: J Seto (31) 41. Scr: D Falcon 38.

**DUNHEVED:** AMCR 70 Veteran (Stableford A: R Dadd (19) 43. B: G Mazaros (25) 42. C: B Teale (28) 42.

**EASTLAK:** 2B Div 1: R Sevcik (21) H Goldsmith (21) 51. Div 2: D Turner (28) T Philip (29) 43. Scr: D Peebles R Farrugia 41.

**INDIV A:** J Kennedy (12) 41. B: D McClatchey (16) 45. C: H Goldsmith (21) 46. D: T Philip (29) 39. Trophy: M Jackson (26) 43.

**EVERGLADES:** 2B: G Dickson (19) J Johnston (28) 43. Indiv A: S O'Brien (1) 37. B: J Clarke (16) 33. C: F Wilson (23) 35. D: B Emms (30) 40.

**FORSTER:** Stableford A: D Hill (12) 39. Scr: J Mawby 35. B: I McMahon (Mt Broughton 15) 41. Scr: D Lee 24. C: B Hosie (27) 43. Scr: B Taylor 17.

**GEORGES RIVER:** Ambrose: A Risby J Spithill J Spithill J Spithill (9-5/8) 54-3/8. Scr: J Burrough I Burrough S Twomey J Siff 58.

**GOSFORD:** Split Six: R Gowing (18) T Bowditch (8) B Robertson (10) G Steele (28) 94. Indiv: P Yabsley (25) 42. Scr: T Bowditch 32. Cb.

**HORIZONS:** Stableford: T Morgan (12) 40.

**JAMBERO:** AMCR 65 Stableford A: J Widdicombe (6) 42. C: G Jones (24) 41. C: B McDonald (28) 43.

**KAREELA:** 2B Agg: J Brown (19) S O'Tool (2) 81. Indiv div 1: G Innis (16) 41. Div 2: A Donaghy (21) 42. Cb. Div 3: H Brown (35) 41. Scr: D Imitrovski 26. Cb.

**KILLARA:** 2B: P Brown (28) A Boyce (20) 48. Scr: R Benard D Williamson 45. Indiv A: J Small (scr) 41. B: D Calver (20) 42. C: G Woodley (27) 40.

**KOGARAH:** Invit Stableford A: R Maunder (8) 41. B: L Franklin (18) 41. C: R Smith (30) 38. Scr: J Carmichael (Bankstown) 33. Cb. Veteran: L Franklin.

**LANE COVE:** 2B: C Hucker (34) K Pirie (36) 10. Indiv: K Pirie (36) 7. Cb.

**LEURA:** Stableford: S Hayes (10) 36. Cb.

**LONG REEF:** 4B: M O'Carroll (20) A Basford (36) 51. Indiv A: T Day (10) 40. Cb. B: P Bradford (17) 43. C: M O'Carroll (20) 47. Scr: T Boatwright 34.

**LYNWOOD:** Stableford: Div 1: B Creek (2) 40. Div 2: M Loh (29) 42.

**MACQUARIE LINKS:** 2B: C Hoyle (8) P King (11) 46. Cb. Indiv: B Zabot (10) 39.

**MAGENTA SHORES:** Team Agg: B Henwood (7) G Dorrin (33) G Mooney (25) D May (30) 92. Indiv A: C Kaye (8) 35. B: T Bateman (15) 40. C: G Dorrin (33) 41.

**MANLY:** Stableford A: P Haynes (10) 40. B: Q Oide (18) 40. C: A Bolton (28) 37.

**MONA VALE:** 2B Agg: B Fenasse (12) A Rounds (13) 79. Indiv: K Brown (24) 44.

**MONASH:** 4B: A Sekulic (24) R Whidson (15) 50. Scr: L Robinson J Walker 37. Indiv A: M Grunstein (12) 42. B: P Risk (17) 43. C: A Sekulic (24) 47.

**MOORE PARK:** Stableford A: M Meng (7) 39.

B: P Goddard (14) 38. C: D Murphy (22) 37.

**Veteran:** S Shin (12) 38.

**MOSS VALE:** AMCR 70 S'ford A: I Thorpe (8) 40. B: P Carpenter (18) 43. C: K Worthington (20) 39. Hole-in-one: I Anderson at 11th.

**MUIRFIELD:** 2B: V Gifford (27) J Lamont (21) 48. Indiv A: H Choi (2) 40. B: A Haywood (19) 41. Cb. C: P Kearns (20) 42. Scr: G Wilson 35.

**NORTH RYDE:** Team multi: L Bates (14) J Cheeseman (10) P McBurnie (16) G Sherwin (