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Alonso grabs first win at Monaco

AFP, Monaco

Defending world champion Fernando Alonso of Spain drove from pole position to a clear and consummate victory for Renault in Sunday's controversy-hit Monaco Grand Prix.

His first win in the Principality, in the wake of Saturday's extraordinary penalty that sent disgraced rival Michael Schumacher from pole to the back of the grid, enlarged his lead over the seven-times champion German to 21 points

Schumacher, who started from the pit lane after his Ferrari team decided to change his engine overnight, drove immaculately and aggressively to sweep through the field and claim four points by finish-

Alonso, looking more and more like a mature and complete champion driver, now has 64 points to second placed Schumacher's 43 at the head of the title race.

Rain can't stop them

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Ignoring persistent rain, players came in numbers to be noticed in the talent hunt programme titled 'cricket medhar khoje' at the Madaripur Stadium yesterday.

Over four hundred participants from different parts of the district gathered at the local stadium to prove their ability in front of a selection panel consisting of renowned coach Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury and former national captain Khaled Mahmud and many others.

Before Madaripur, the search has already taken place at Kishoreganj, Sunamganj, Habiganj, Brahmanbaria, Patuakhali, Jhalakathi and Bagerhat. The next rounds will be held at Kushtia on June 1 and Magura on June 2.

The Chittagong round will start on

V'ball match abandoned

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The first exhibition volleyball match between Bangladesh and visiting Nepal was abandoned due to rain at the Rajbari ground in Gazipur yester-

The home team was leading 1-0 when the match was stopped due to

The next exhibition matches will





Mario Zagallo coached Brazil to the World Cup (1970), becoming the first man to both play in a Cup winning side and also coach the tournament winners.





Cicinho

(Brazil wing-back) "I know that Cafu is the first choice. I don't want to fight with him. I just want to have my the team wins with this.



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WI widen the margin

Cricket

AFP, Port of Spain

West Indies cruised to a 19-run victory over India here Sunday, wrapping up a 4-1 one-day series victory after a fine all $round\,batting\,and\,bowling\,display.$

Chasing 256 runs from their allocation of 50 overs to win, India were dismissed for 236 in 48 overs to leave West Indies buoyant heading into next month's four-Test series.

Virender Sehwag hit nine fours and one six in the top score of 95 from 103 balls for India, but no other batsmen however, could pass 30, as West Indies bowlers throttled India down the stretch to clinch the victory.

Left-arm bowler Dave Mohammed was the pick of the West Indies bowlers with three wickets for 39 runs off nine overs, and Ierome Taylor supported with three for 48 from 10 overs.

Earlier, half-centuries from Dwayne Bravo, Ramnaresh Sarwan, and Chris Gayle ensured that India would chase the highest target total of the series, as West Indies, sent in to bat, reached 255 for six from their 50 overs.

Bravo, batting at five, gave the innings late momentum with a careerbest, undefeated 62 from 44 balls that contained four boundaries.

Gayle gave West Indies an early push with 51 from 61 balls that included 10 fours, and Sarwan consolidated in the middle overs with one boundary in 52 from 97 deliveries.

Ajit Agarkar, a surprise omission

from India's squad for the Tests that $follow \, the \, ODIs, was \, the \, most \, successful$ bowler with two wickets for 44 runs from

Sehwag was the pick of the Indian bowlers however, with one for 29 from his allotment of 10 overs

India were soon in trouble as their run-chase got underway when Robin Uthappa, playing his first match of the series, was caught behind off Wavell Hinds for a three-ball duck in the first The visitors were further slowed

down, when Hinds bowled Mahendra Dhoni, promoted to three, for 14 in the seventh over.

India's captain Rahul Dravid arrived and got things moving in a stand of 46 with Sehwag before he was run out for 18 when he failed to beat a direct hit at the striker's end from an alert Mohammed on his follow-through.

Yuvraj Singh came to the crease and put India back on track with Sehwag. They added 57 for the fourth wicket in the most significant partnership of the

innings without taking many chances. Mohammed bowled Yuvraj for 26 in the 23rd over to leave India on 130 for four, but Mohammed Kaif and Sehwag kept India ahead of the scoring rate until the 32nd over

Kaif was caught at extra cover for 12 driving at Taylor, and Suresh Raina's departure in the 36th over, caught

Scoreboard of the fifth and final one-day international between West Indies and

WESTINDIES Gavle b Sehwag Chattergoon b Agarkar Sarwan b Sreesanth Lara run out (Agarkar) Hinds c Sehwag b Agarkar Smith b Patel Ramdin not out Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-13, nb-3) 20

Did not bat: Mohammed, Collymore,

Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-90, 3-137, 4-165, 5-

Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs)

Bowler	0	M	R	W
Sreesanth	10	0	62	1
Agarkar	10	1	44	2
Patel	10	0	64	1

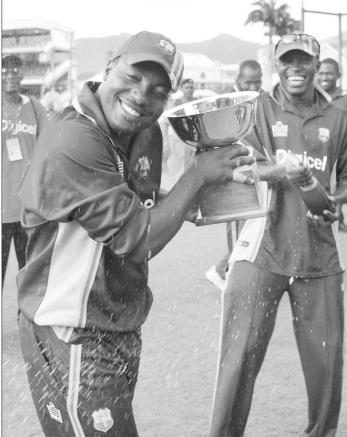
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Uthappa c Ramdin b Hinds Sehwag c Gayle b Taylor Dhoni b Hinds 14 Dravid run out (Mohammed) 18 Yuvraj b Mohammed Kaif c Gayle b Taylor 12 Raina c Ramdin b Taylor 21 Agarkar c Smith b Gayle Harbhaian c Bradshaw b Mohammed 26 Patel c Chattergoon b Mohammed Sreesanth not out 2 Extras: (lb-4, w-14, nb-2) Total: (All out in 48 overs) 236 Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-26, 3-73, 4-130, 5 170, 6-180, 7-189, 8-230, 9-231 Mohammed Bravo

Result: West Indies won by 19 runs and win the 5-ODI series 4-1. Man-of-the-match: Dwayne Bravo. Man-of-the-series Ramnaresh Sarwan

Gayle

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West Indies captain Brian Lara (L) is sprayed with champagne after receiving the winners' trophy of the ODI series against India at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain on Sunday.

Bangladesh back to winning ways

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Bangladesh bounced back in the 37th Chess Olympiad when both men and women's teams won their seventh round games at Turin, Italy on Sunday

After their sixth round debacle, men's team secured a 3-1 victory against Thailand and the women defeated Luxembourg 2-1. International Master Abdullah Al

Rakib beat Jiravorasuk Banjuab, International Master Reefat Bin Sattar beat Saelee Uaychai and FIDE Master Mehdi Hasan Parag beat Chinvasyawong Pravit while International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib lost against Teerapabpaisit

On the other hand, Nazrana Khan Eva beat Steil-Antoni Fiona, IWM Rani Hamid drew with Bakalarz Grazyna and Tanima Parveen drew with Boyarchenko Marie.

With the wins, the men's team increased their tally to 15.5 points and women's team improved their collec-

Parreira defends

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Argentina in 2002. Parreira has so far used junior

opponents to provide training opposition, and saw his team rattle up a 13-1 victory over the youth side of Brazilian club Fluminense on Sunday, with Robinho netting four times.

Though only a training game, the performance had Parreira purring with pleasure at Brazil's prowess in front of

"I think the difference between a normal player and an excellent one in terms of goalscoring is their ability to make decisions quickly," said Parreira. "And the decision making of this team

Parreira did however warn that Brazil still needed to tighten up defensively, saying they had to work harder when possession was lost.

'When we lose the ball it's important that we do everything we can to get it back. This is something we have to work on before the tournament," he

"But having said that, when we have the ball we keep it very well. The way these players control it when they have it is hard to improve," Parreira added.

Cricket

England have named an unchanged squad for the third and final Test against Sri Lanka starting at Trent Bridge on Friday, meaning Steve Harmison was not included.

All the eleven who featured in the six-wicket second Test win, achieved with more than a day to spare, at Edgbaston on Sunday have been retained as has uncapped seamer Jon Lewis, included for the third straight

That meant Harmison, England's leading fast bowler, who has been out of action with a shin injury for the past two months was overlooked.

But he will join up with the squad in Nottingham as his county, Durham, do not have a champion-

Victory at Edgbaston put England 1-0 up in the series after the first Test at Lord's was drawn.

"We were pleased with the team's performance at Edgbaston," said England's chairman of selectors, David Graveney, after announcing the squad on Monday.

Graveney also paid tribute to Kevin Pietersen's dazzling 142 at Edgbaston, saying of the South Africa-born batsman: "Kevin Pietersen played a magnificent, match-winning innings.

SOUAD

Marcus Trescothick, Andrew Strauss, Alastair Cook, Kevin Pietersen, Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff (captain), Geraint Jones, Liam Plunkett, Sajid Mahmood, Matthew Hoggard, Monty Panesar, Jon Lewis.

Lothar Matthaeus: The Libero

1990 World Cup in Italy

With each game Matthaus who originally began at midfield dropped further and further back, while conducting his teammates with unswerying efficiency.

He was the undisputed leader on the pitch and even outshone players of the calibre of Juergen Klinsmann and company as the Germans blazed a trail into the final leaving in their wake the Dutch, Czechs and the auld enemy England. It was Matthaus's goal in the quarterfinals against Czechs that saw them through and the captain also rose to the occasion in the semifinal, which was all else said, an epic.

the yellow card that would keep him

out of the final if England got there.

But Matthaus kept himself cool over

all this and scored himself in the

After normal time ended 1-1 with Brehme and Lineker scoring for their respective sides the match went into extra time. It was this additional half hour that raised the match to its present status. Chris Waddle, little knowing the fate that would befall him, hit the post and Buchwald replied with the same for Germany. Matthaus and Klinsmann both bought out wonderful saves from Shilton. And add to all that Gazza got

penalty shootout. Chris Waddle blasted his into the night sky and the English dream died with it. Herr Lothar and his Germans had got the better of them yet again. In the final (like many of his team-

mates) he failed to shine against Argentina, but no-one was more proud, or happy when he fell into the arms of Beckenbauer in Rome with the trophy in his hands and his mission accomplished. Berti Vogts called him into the

national squad for the 1998 World Cup in France, where an ageing German side fell victim to the inspired Croatians in the quarter finals (0-3). His international career came to

an end after a disappointing Euro 2000, when in the last group A match against Portugal (0-3) he notched up his 150th cap after a season in the US with New York/New Jersey Metro His coaching career began in

September 2001 at Austrian side Rapid Vienna, where he was fired after poor results. In stepped Serbian side Partizan Belgrade, who he led to the first ever Serbia-Montenegro championship in 2002.

He resigned in December, 2003 and agreed to coach the Hungarian national team from January, 2004.

Windies name 1st Test team

AFP, Port of Spain

West Indies have named a 14-member squad for the opening Test of four against India, starting at the Antigua Recreation Ground on Friday.

The only notable omission from the squad announced on Sunday is Daren Powell.

The fast bowler, who featured in the West Indies' previous Test series in New Zealand which they lost 2-0 under Shivnarine Chanderpaul, has not figured in any of the 11 One day Internationals contested in the last

Opening batsman Daren Ganga is the only player in the 14 who has not featured in any of the ODIs that has been selected in the squad for the

West Indies have not lost a Test series to India on home soil for 35 years - not since Dilip Sardesai's side triumphed over Clive Lloyd's 1-0 in 1971.

The two sides will also play Tests at Gros Islet (June 10-14), Basseterre which is staging a Test for the first time from June 22 to 26, and Kingston (June 30-July 4).

SQUAD Brian Lara (captain), Ian Bradshaw, Dwayne Bravo, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Corey Collymore, Fidel Edwards, Daren Ganga, Chris Gavle, Dave Mohammed, Runako Morton, Denesh Ramdin, Marlon Samuels,

Ramnaresh Sarwan, Jerome Taylor.

AFC workshop on PFL begins

SPORTS REPORTER

A three-day Asian Football Confederation (AFC) workshop on club development for the upcoming Professional Football League (PFL) began at the BFF Bhaban yesterday.

The first ever home and away basis professional league is scheduled to start in September with 12 clubs across the country participating.

Coordinators and managers of all participating teams are taking part in the workshop being conducted by Brandon Menton, AFC director of national association and clubs development, and two other officials.

War no longer

Nazi uniform at a fancy dress party, he was not being outrageous, he just had

"Germans know that there is bad taste and there is outrageous nonsense. And we happen to have bad taste too

And does he think the World Cup will generate the hoped-for return tourist

"Its key function is that it can make Germany rise into what we call the relevant set'. If the country is compelling and attractive, then when it comes to choosing holidays you might say 'Hey honey, why don't we go to Germany this

"If it is boring, or dull, or dangerous,

there is no reason to go back." While World Cup visitors are likely to find a warm welcome, another stereotype, of German arrogance, may be harder to

Giant billboard posters sponsored by drinks giant Coca-Cola have gone on show around Berlin, where the final will be played.

They read: "Bern 1954, Munich 1974, Rome 1990" -- the years and locations of Germany's three World Cup wins. Then the poster adds: "2006 here".

Klinsmann wants

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we stand for?' That was crucial.

"We identified an attacking style an aggressive style, getting the ball as fast as possible to the strikers and attacking midfielders."

Klinsmann has often bemoaned the fact that German football is behind the times, particularly in terms of youth development. His two eye-catching young for-

wards, Bastian Schweinsteiger and

Lukas Podolski, clearly do have great

talent, which has been honed by their clubs, but he sees Germany's great rivals as doing the job a lot better. "The best example, and the best model for us is Holland," the coach said. "They are able to choose their coaches by the philosophy that they

have defined. Ajax will never have a

coach with a defensive style. That will

neverhappen.' The World Cup plotting has been done from Klinsmann's base out in California, where he continues to live despite sometimes virulent attacks from coaches, club bosses and the media, who think he should have

Klinsmann, whose team face Costa Rica, Poland and Ecuador in the first phase, is unrepentant. "It was definitely an advantage, or

moved back to Germany

is still, even if I continue afterwards, to go back and forth," he said. "Living in the U.S. gives you a

different perspective. I learned from (U.S. World Cup coach) Bruce Arena and from different coaches in different sports there. It widens your picture,

Paradorn's early exit



James Blake matched his best showing at the French Open, and all he had to do was win a single match.

Playing with the flair that has helped him crack the top 10 this year, Blake beat Paradorn Srichaphan 6-0, 6-4, 7-6 (3) in the first round Monday. Blake lost in the second round in his three previous appearances at

Roland Garros, He's 3-4 this year on

clay, a surface that has long vexed Americans, but he has won two hardcourt titles and is seeded eighth. Paradorn also has trouble with

play on clay, where he's 0-6 this year and 12-33 lifetime. Gaston Gaudio showed the steady

the championship two years ago as he beat qualifier Roko Karanusic 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, The No. 10-seeded Gaudio has yet to win a tournament this year and arrived in Paris with a three-match losing streak. But he faced little resistance from Karanusic, the

180th-ranked Croatian who was

playing in his first tour-level match of

baseline game that helped him win

Another former champion, 2003 winner Juan Carlos Ferrero, beat 17vear-old qualifier Juan Martin Del Potro 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. Ferrero, seeded 24th, had 45 unforced errors but also 52 winners.

match suspended in the final set Sunday because of darkness. Massu outlasted Xavier Malisse 6-1, 7-5, 1-6,

No. 18 Elena Likhovtseva, a semi-

No. 26-seeded Jose Acasuso and

No. 32 Nicolas Massu won five-

setters. Acasuso edged Fabrice

Santoro 6-3, 6-1, 3-6, 1-6, 11-9 in a

finalist last year, became the first seeded player to be eliminated. Karolina Sprem hit 32 winners to beat Likhovtseva 6-1, 6-1.

No. 7-seeded Patty Schnyder hit nine aces and beat 17-year-old Michaella Krajicek 6-1, 6-2.

No. 9 Francesca Schiavone



Patty Schnyder of Switzerland hits a return against Michaella Krajicek of the Netherlands during their first round match of the French Open at Roland

Rooney scan date brought

Weekend press reports said that Manchester United felt Eriksson had been too optimistic in his assessment of the results of the last scan Rooney had on his foot.

While United gave no credence to those reports and the statement stressed that the scan is "precautionary", it was clear the injury was less likely to have healed than it would have done had the scan taken place on June 14 as originally intended.

Confirmation that the fracture

breaks of this nature usually take longer to heal. While Eriksson has continually

stressed his intention to take Rooney

to Germany even if the youngster could only play a minimal part in the competition, he is also acutely aware of Ferguson's concern over Rooney going when he is less than 100 percent fit and then being forced to play.

Under FIFA rules there is little Ferguson could do to prevent Eriksson calling Rooney into his

Football Association are anxious to avoid getting involved in a dispute with United over a player who could be vital to England for a decade and

With FIFA demanding that any alterations to Eriksson's 23-man squad be made no later than June 9 one day before the opening game against Paraguay in Frankfurt -Rooney's revised scan will now

determine whether he plays or not.

Karimi provides Iranian sunshine

The fanatical Iranian followers will certainly be hoping so, for there are no doubts in their minds about the man they have dubbed the `Wizard of

Signing for Bayern was the icing on the cake for the 2004 Asian Player

of the Year, a remarkable rise capped. Before his move to Pirouzi at the start of the 1998-99 season, aged 19, Karimi was at second division side Fath - where training was taken on the

streets with a plastic ball.

A more organised set-up at Pirouzi brought him trophies as well as recognition, leading to United Arab Emirates club Al Ahli successfully bidding for him in 2002.

There he made further progress regularly wowing fans and impressing the media and helping Al Ahli to become National Cup champions.

He had a trial for Perugia, and the Italian club were keen on signing him but baulked at the asking price.

Atletico Madrid also showed their in Medhi Mahdavikia interest, but it was Bayern who moved to sign Karimi at the end of his contract with Al Ahli - handing him a one-year deal in May 2005 with the option of a second.

Karimi's performances for Iran

under coach Branko Ivankovic continued to sparkle. He benefited from the Croat's desire to infuse his side with youth

after the disappointment of missing

out at World Cup 2002. It has paid dividends, and Karimi was in inspirational form at the 2004 Asian Cup - helping Team Melli to third place and scoring five goals in

the process. For Iran, he is the Ballack figure the man his team-mates look to for something different - even in a side many consider the country's best

In midfield, the Iranians boast another Bundesliga-based schemer

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effectively - with the pair revealing

afterwards that they communicated

each time they play together: Lukas

likes to have a player who tells him

"Both of them are making progress

in Polish during the game.

Ahmadinejad will

not attend

AFP, Tehran

the way."

Together, they form a fine attacking partnership which suggests Iran, probably the most skilful Asian side at the World Cup, have the creativity to unlock defences in Germany.

To do so, Karimi needs to score

more goals; he needs to finish the

moves he often starts, and relieve some of the burden on ageing marksman Daei. But there is not too much to fear in

the group - Angola, Mexico and Portugal should not daunt Iran. Karimi, certainly, knows that this is his stage; this is his time to shine so that the rest of the world can see his status as Asia's most skilful player is

not just based on the hype of a wildly

Bayern have already exercised the option on Karimi for another season; and with a strong World Cup behind him, maybe he can become as important for them as he is for Iran.



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those tickets sold to VIPs. However German companies who have bought tickets in bulk have refused to supply the names of fans they are destined

Caution the keyword

Jurgen Klinsmann was refusing to get carried away after Germany's 7-0 thrashing of Luxembourg in a World Cup warm-up on Saturday. The hosts, who next face Japan on

Tuesday, received the perfect confi-

dence booster with a double apiece from Miroslav Klose and Lukas But Klinsmann cautioned that whilst welcome the result was only

the latest step on the road to the finals. "We've still got a lot of work in front of us and we have to prepare ourselves to face opposition of a

world title there's still a great deal to

do; Saturday's game was a good little

Football-mad President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will not be travelling to totally different quality to Luxembourg," the German coach told a press conference here Sunday. "If we want to compete in the seven matches leading up to the

Germany to watch Iran's World Cup clashes, his spokesman told AFP "No, he will not attend," said government spokesman Gholam

match, but it was only a stage along speculation that the hardline president may be seeking to head to Klinsmann was pleased with the way Klose and Podolski teamed up so "He plays football and likes the

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game, but I don't know whether he will get the time to watch the games," the spokesman replied when asked if Ahmadinejad would be watching at home on television. The news about the possibility of

Ahmadinejad supporting the Iranian

what to do and Mirsolav is such a national team in person at the June 9-July 9 World Cup finals has raised "I'm certain that it'll get better and some eyebrows in Germany. Ahmadinejad sparked worldwide

better between them," he said. Podolski, speaking about his good controversy when he suggested the rapport with Klose, said: "The impor-Holocaust was a "myth" and called for tant thing is not that we talk in Polish the destruction of Israel, prompting but that we complement each other."

the finals.

Der Spiegel magazine to be published Monday, Ahmadinejad said he had not yet decided whether to travel to Germany and asserted that his decision "depended on many things". Iran are in Group D with Mexico,

calls from several leading German

politicians for Iran to be banned from

In an interview with Germany's

Portugal and Angola and have chosen the southern German city of Friedrichshafen as their World Cup Hossein Elham, putting an end to

own space in the squad because I know that On his chances of making the first eleven in the World Cup.

England stay unchanged