

Zimbabweans shock Englishmen

ALBURY, Australia, Mar 18: Zimbabwe seamer Eddo Brandes bowled his finest spell ever to send England crashing to a sensational nine run defeat in the World Cup here today, reports AFP.

Brandes took four for 21 as England, replying to Zimbabwe's modest 134, were shot out for 125 with five balls to spare in a dramatic encounter at the Lavington Sports Ground.

"I have never bowled better," said the overwhelmed bowler, who turns 29 next Wednesday, the day the World Cup final will be played in Melbourne.

It was Zimbabwe's first success in the current tournament and only their second in three appearances in the game's premier limited overs competition.

The previous one was a 13-run defeat of Australia during the 1983 edition in England.

While the defeat dented England's confidence ahead of Sunday's semifinal in Sydney, it boosted Zimbabwe's hopes of becoming a Test playing nation in the near future.

"That (playing Test cricket) is our main aim and hope it comes about soon," said skipper David Houghton who top scored with 29 in the low scoring game.

England, who went into the match without the injured Derek Pringle, Dermot Reeve and Chris Lewis, were set back by the first ball dismissal of

captain Graham Gooch. Gooch, who returned after a two game absence due to hamstring injury, fell leg before to Brandes and began a rout which saw England lose five wickets for 43 runs by the 15th over.

Alec Stewart (29) and Neil Fairbrother (20) added 52 for the sixth wicket before the



M-O-M BRANDES... 4 for 21 remaining five wickets tumbled for 30 runs. The match appeared to be a cakewalk for England when Zimbabwe were shot out for 134 in the 47th over after be-

ing sent to bat. Star allrounder Ian Botham and left arm spinner Richard Illingworth grabbed three wickets each in England's impressive display in the field.

Following Houghton's top score of 29 was a defiant 24 by Ian Botham made 24, but the meagre score was not expected to end the inexperienced team's winless record in the tournament.

Gooch surprised many by fielding first when a stint at the crease would have given him, Allan Lamb and Neil Fairbrother valuable time at the wicket after recovering from injuries.

The move, however, reaped immediate reward as Zimbabwe slumped to 30 for three in the 14th over with Phil DeFreitas, Botham and Illingworth claiming a wicket each.

Houghton and Kevin Arnott put on a 22-run stand for the fourth wicket before Botham trapped Arnott leg before for a painstaking 11.

Houghton and Butchart defied the English attack for a brief while before the last three wickets fell for seven runs and left England what was expected to be an easy target of 2.7 runs per over.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the World Cup cricket match between England and Zimbabwe on Wednesday:

ZIMBABWE	
Flower b DeFreitas	7
Jacobs c and b Illingworth	3
Pycroft c Gooch b Botham	13
Arnott lbw b Botham	11

Houghton c Fairbrother b Small	29
Waller b Tufnell	8
Shah c Lamb b Tufnell	3
Butchart c Fairbrother b Botham	24
Brandes st Stewart b Illingworth	14
Traicos not out	0
Jarvis lbw b Illingworth	6
Extras: (lb-8, w-8)	16
Total: (46.1 overs)	134
Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-19; 3-30; 4-52; 5-65; 6-77; 7-96; 8-127; 9-127.	
Bowling:	
DeFreitas	8 1 14 1
Small	9 1 20 1
Botham	10 2 23 3
Illingworth	9.1 0 33 3
Tufnell	10 2 36 2

ENGLAND

Gooch lbw b Brandes	0
Botham c Flower b Shah	18
Lamb c James b Brandes	17
Smith b Brandes	2
Hick b Brandes	0
Fairbrother c Flower b Butchart	20
Stewart c Waller b Shah	29
DeFreitas c Flower b Butchart	4
Illingworth run out	11
Small c Pycroft b Jarvis	5
Tufnell not out	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-1, w-11)	19
Total: (49.1 overs)	125
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-32; 3-42; 4-42; 5-43; 6-95; 7-101; 8-108; 9-124.	
Bowling:	
Brandes	10 4 21 4
Jarvis	9.1 0 32 1
Shah	10 3 17 2
Traicos	10 4 16 0
Butchart	10 0 2 2

Result: Zimbabwe won by nine runs.

Holyfield's brother shot dead

ATLANTA, Mar 18: Willie Holyfield, brother of heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, was shot and killed early Wednesday at his home in southwest Atlanta, police said, reports AP.

Atlanta Homicide Sgt. Tom King said Willie Holyfield's brother-in-law, Michael Lucas, 35, was arrested and charged with murder.

King said Lucas, who lived around the corner from Willie Holyfield, came to the house about 4 am armed with a 12-gauge shotgun. King said several people were at the home and Lucas accused someone of stealing something from him, but it was not immediately determined who was accused.

Willie Holyfield, 35, was in his bedroom at the time and came out to see what had happened, King said. He was shot once in the chest with the shotgun and pronounced dead at the scene, the officer said.

King said Lucas, brother of Willie Holyfield's wife, was arrested at the scene and charged with murder.

Evander Holyfield was notified and came to his brother's house, King said.

Lewis to promote Panasonic products

TOKYO, Mar 18: Carl Lewis, the 100-metre world record and Olympic gold medal holder, said here Tuesday he has signed a contract to promote Panasonic video equipment, reports AFP.

Under the terms of the contract with Japanese electronics giant Matsushita, the US athlete will do a series of television commercials starting at the end of this month and running until September, said a spokesman for Matsushita.

The world's largest electronics firm, it markets the brand names Panasonic, National, Technics and Quasar.

The spokeswoman said the contract was valid for publicity worldwide, but refused to say how much it was worth to Lewis, who will be competing in this year's Barcelona Olympics, which is partly sponsored by Matsushita.

Advertising executives here said the contract was probably worth several million dollars, as a 15-second television spot could earn a celebrity as much as 800,000 dollars.

English booters to vote on strike

LONDON, Mar 18: English pro soccer players will vote on strike action after representatives failed to settle financial terms with the new Premier League, reports AP.

Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the players organization, the Professional Footballers Association, which represent most pro players, said Tuesday that ballot papers will be sent out as soon as possible.

The Premier League, which involves the elite 22 English Clubs, will start Aug. 15, Taylor's organization hoped to agree terms so that all pro players, even those outside the Premier League, would benefit from the change in format from the present 93-club league.

After several hours of talks Monday, Taylor said he was hopeful of an agreement.

Rani Hamid regains national title

Rani Hamid is the new national chess queen. Needing only a draw in her last game of the 13th version of the women's championship at the National Sports Council yesterday, Rani, who lost the title to Tanima Parveen last year, succeeded in splitting the point with

newed if Rukhsana had beaten Rani in their ultimate encounter but the experienced Rani Hamid, despite suffering some early reversals, was in no mood to let the title slip away from her grasp.

Rani, who held the title for six consecutive years since 1979, yesterday made an e4 opening which Nikkon countered with a Sicilian. But the

the third spot with Afroza Khanam Babee, both securing six points. Yesterday, Shabana beat Barisal's Masuda Begum in a marathon 70 moves while Babee was held to a draw by Jahanara Huq Runu. Runu placed seventh with four points.

Nikkon finished fifth with five and a half points while Masuda Begum was sixth with



New national women's champion Rani Hamid (R) drew her last round game of 13th nationals with Rukhsana Gulshan Nikkon at the NSC chess room yesterday. — Star photo

youngster girl, perhaps betraying a bout of nerves, made a few weak moves and Rani, more concerned with picking up the vital half point to ensure the title, offered a draw after 16 which Nikkon gladly accepted.

Tanima, still smarting from her defeat the previous day, played aggressively, countering Zaki's d4 opening with a Cambridge Spring variation. Zaki bungled her 10th move, a Qg5, which cost her a piece. The girl from Narayanganj soon realised her hopeless position and resigned after 20 moves.

Last year's runner-up Shabana Parveen Nipa shared

four and a half points. Zakiya Sultana's two and a half points gave her an eighth place standing, followed by Alsana Parveen Nira and Hamida Rahman, who both managed one and a half point.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Following is the roll of honour of the national women's chess championship:

Year	Champion
1979-1984	Rani Hamid
1985-86	Yasmeen Begum
1987	Yasmeen Begum
1988	Rani Hamid
1989	Shabana Parveen Nipa
1990	Rani Hamid
1991	Tanima Parveen
1992	Rani Hamid

Nirman cricket final today

Dhanmondi Govt Boys' High School will take on BCSIR School in the Dhaka zonal final of the ninth Nirman schools cricket competition today at the Dhaka Stadium.

Managing director of the Nirman International KZ Islam who is also a former president of the BCCB, will witness the final as the chief guest and give away prizes among the winners.

Dhanmondi School beat Saint Joseph's High School in the semifinal while BCSIR moved into the final on the basis of a successful protest against Khilgaon School who fielded five non-students in the other semifinal in which they beat BCSIR School.

Hockey players punished

The Green Delta First Division hockey league committee, in a meeting held at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation premises on Tuesday last, adopted certain disciplinary actions against several players who involved themselves in the untoward incidents that occurred in the crucial tie of the league between the defending champion Abahani Krira Chakra and Mariner Youngs Club on March 10. A press release issued by the committee yesterday said Abahani forward striker Salahuddin Chowdhury Tisa who received a red card during the match was suspended for the next two games of his side and the Abahani team manager Zahidur Rahman Pushkin was declared 'persona non grata' around the hockey ground for one year for insulting the umpires. In addition, the club was fined an amount of Tk 5,000.

The committee also suspended three players of the Mariner Youngs Club for violating the code of conduct. They are Hasan Ullah Khan for a year, and Jasim Uddin Khan and Arshadul Haq Munna both for two years. Mariner coach Abdur Razzak (Sona Mia) also suffered a suspension for the next two matches of his side and will be refused access to the play ground.

Abu Tarek Selim, another player of the Mariner Youngs Club was given a warning for misconduct.

Volleyball results

The 1992 Incontrad inter-district volleyball tournament began yesterday at the Outer Stadium volleyball court with Rajshahi and Dhaka DSAs winning their respective matches. Rajshahi beat Comilla 16-14, 15-7, 5-15 and 15-9 while Dhaka beat Jessore 9-15, 15-6, 15-3 and 15-1.

Kalabagan avoid relegation

Kalabagan Krira Chakra were given a new lease of life as they carved out an exciting 12-run victory against Lalmatia Club in the last match of the Navana Premier Division relegation league yesterday.

Losers Lalmatia will play in the Milnars First Division cricket league next year along with Rupali Bank and Wari Club — the two teams which were relegated earlier.

In a low-scoring match Kalabagan, sent in to bat first by Lalmatia, were skittled out for 98 in 35.2 overs.

Shri Lankan Shujit Pereira topped with 20. Ishtiaq made 16 while pilot, Pappu and Marwar scored 11 each.

Kaiser of Lalmatia broke the backbone of the Kalabagan batting with fine figures of three for 14. Left-arm spinner Atiq took two for 15.

If the Lalmatia players were thinking that the match was as good as won, the Kalabagan bowlers spearheaded by Indian Gajanan Reddy made sure that they were living in fool's paradise. Reddy, in company with veteran Dipu Roy Chowdhury and Tias buildozed the Lalmatia batting with some venomous, and accurate bowl-

ing. Lalmatia's Kaiser, who shone with the ball, fought a lone battle to score a patient 23 before nicking one behind to pilot off medium-pace Tias. No other batsman got into the double figures as Lalmatia were booked for 96 in just 27.3 overs. It could have been even worse without the large contribution of extras which amounted to 20.

Reddy, the left-arm pacesman, was the pick of the bowlers claiming three for 14. Tias and Dipu claimed three each giving away 26 and 28 runs respectively.

Mancini rallies to beat Becker

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 18: Argentine Alberto Mancini roared back from a set down to upset

third seed Boris Becker 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 in fourth round play at the 2.8 million dollar Lipton International Players Championships on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The 24th-ranked Mancini used deep, topspin groundstrokes to frustrate Becker and keep the German three-time Wimbledon champion away from the net after the first set.

"In the second and third set he played well. He made great shots on the important points," Becker said.

The tournament's top seeds and defending champions — Jim Courier and Monica Seles — moved into the quarter-finals with straight set victories.

Seles disposed of Czechoslovak Radka Zrubakova 6-1, 6-2 in 55 minutes.

Courier, his world number one safe after the early exit of second-ranked Stefan Edberg, was able to relax through a 7-6, 6-2 victory over Germany's Carl-Uwe Steeb.

Women's second seed Steffi Graf and third seed Gabriela Sabatini both needed three sets to overcome fourth round opponents.

Graf, pressured into going the distance by the consistent play of 16th seed Kimiko Date of Japan, prevailed 7-6, 5-7, 6-4, while Sabatini took a see-

saw struggle from Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-7 (1-7), 6-0.

After taking the first set, Becker seemed well on his way to a quarter-final berth.

But Mancini changed his tactics and used penetrating shots that forced Becker to play the Argentine's baseline game.

"After the first set I started playing deep and he didn't come in too much," Mancini said. "He had to have rallies from the baseline which he didn't like. When he started complaining, it gave me confidence."

The Argentine dominated the second set and then broke Becker in the fifth game of the third with a screeching backhand winner.

Although his own service games were struggles, Mancini managed to hold on for the victory.

Becker had a break point and saved two match points in the final game, but dumped a forehand volley into the net on Mancini's third match point.

"I feel a bit tired in the mind," said Becker, who ended the match berating himself.

Becker said he would now turn his attention to getting ready for the clay court season.

"I have five more days (to practice on clay) than I expected," Becker said. "In the long run the five days will help for the French Open."

Courier said his match against the 44th-ranked Steeb was the first in long time in

which he did not feel the pressure of protecting his number on ranking.

"I played much freer today," Courier said. "I felt back in synch a little bit because I worried about the tennis today."

After a tight first set that ended with Courier winning the tiebreak 7-5, Steeb was unable to sustain the high level of play he had displayed earlier.

"I kept my game on the same level and he didn't keep his on the same level," said the Australian and French Open champion. "I got the upper hand early on in the second set."

American qualifier Robbie Weiss, who did Courier the favour of taking Edberg out of the tournament, was himself sent packing on Tuesday as he lost to Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-2, 6-2.

Fourth seed Pete Sampras and sixth seed Michael Chang both needed three sets to reach the quarter-finals.

Sampras turned back Australian serve and volleyer Wally Masur 7-6, 4-6, 6-2, while Chang ousted Germany's Markus Zoccke 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Fourth seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain advanced when German Barbara Rittner retired in the second set with a pulled back muscle.

Other women to reach the quarter-finals included sixth seed Mary Joe Fernandez, who next plays Graf, and 14th-seeded American Amy Frazier, who will face Sabatini.

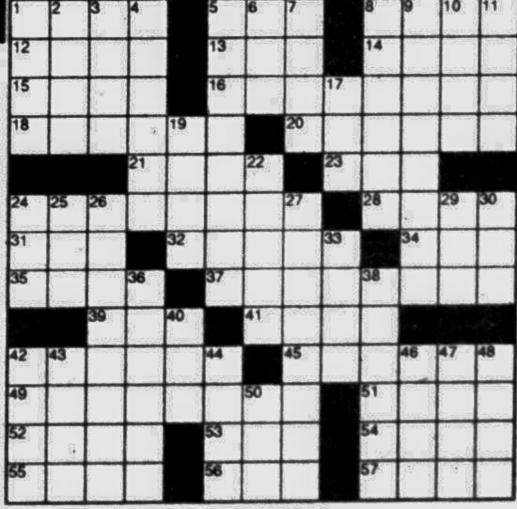
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1 Under-stands	stroke	57 — team DOWN
5 Weather-map area	41 Son of Odin	19 Soviet sea
8 Cross over	42 Dispatch boats	22 Lawful Handle roughly
12 Logan or Fitzgerald	45 Highway haulers	3 Verve
13 Lawyers' org.	49 Footballs: colloq.	4 Strapped footwear
14 Spicy stew	51 Sustain or bolster	5 Drinks greedily
15 Israel's Abba	52 "As Long — Needs Me" (song)	6 Kimono sash
16 Submarines (slang)	53 TV's — Grant	7 Jokesters
18 Bearlike mammals	54 "Welcome —"	8 Native of Oklahoma
20 Work of the Bard	55 Lab animals	9 Tropical banana plant
21 Seed coat	56 Acknowl-	10 "Der —"
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24 Playful speaking code		
28 Anagram of care		
31 In the manner of		
32 "Santa —"		
34 Ending for miss or pass		
35 " — Side Story"		
37 Artist's colors		

Solution time: 26 min.

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Yesterday's answer 9-16



CRYPTOQUIP

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N L G A K E D R K F K V M A K E D
H V N L G M E U P G R K F ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DAD SIGHTS, "HUGE CHARGE ACCOUNT IS NO CREDIT TO OUR DAUGHTERS."
Today's Cryptoquip clue: R equals W

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.