Pakistanis win by 8 wkts

LEICESTER, May 25: Leicestershi re captain Nigel Briers scored 123 to delay an inevitable eight wicket Pakistan victory for

more than five hours Monday

on the final day of a three-day

match, reports AP. Briers began play Monday on 47, sharing tail-end stands with wicket-keeper Paul Nixon (29) and Robert Gofton (not out 42) before falling leg before to Aamir Schail for 123.

Pakistan quickly wrapped up Leicester's second inning for 269 following Briers' dismissal, after wrapping up the host county's first inning for 256 Saturday. Pakistan declared their first inning at 393 for eight, for a first inning lead of 137.

Aamir Sohail took three wickets for 31 from 19 overs. and Naved Anjum three for 73 from 17 in Leicestershire's second inning.

Set a target of 133 with two hours' play remaining, Pakis tan's Inzamam-ul-Haq and Asif Mujtaba guided the sub-continent to an eight-wicket win.

Inzamam scored 61 not out. and Asif 27 not out as Pakistan reached the target with the loss of the wickets of Rameez Raja, out for 29 and fellowopener Shoaib Mohammad for

Pakistan play a two-day game against an England Amateur XI at Luton north of London Wednesday. They start a three-day game against Middlesex county Saturday before the first Test against England starting June 4 at

Ctg cricket

CHITTAGONG, May 25: Cosmic Club won the KDS Met ropolitan cricket league championship beating Shaheed Shahajahan Sangha by 33 runs at the Dampara Police Line ground here today, reports

were all out for 182 in the stipulated 40 overs. Dider scored 38 followed by Afzal 31. Ripon 29 and Azam 27. Rupom of Shahjahan Sangha took five wickets for 49 runs followed by Mithu with 2 for 37, Akbar 2 for 26 and Morshed 1 for 22. In reply, Shaheed

Shahjahan Sangha lost their all wickets for 155 runs in the 1 overs. Zakaria was the highest scorer of Shahjahan Sangha with 71 runs of only 65 balls.

He hit two sixes and six fours. Rupom scored 26 runs. Subbrata of Cosmic got three wickets for 16 runs followed by Sajjad with two for 13, Azam two for 14, Ripon one for 11, Raza one for 23 and Afzal one for 50 runs.

Seven teams participated in the league which started on

ca's long-awaited return to

Olympic competition at the

Barcelona Games, reports

tation, to the Games' opening

ceremony on July 25, at a

meeting with Juan Antonio

Samaranch, president of the

International Olympic

ward to," the African National

Congress leader, an amateur

ner in his youth, told a news

settle a more contentious issue

-just how many athletes will

represent the republic as it

enters an Olympic arena for

With a record 172 teams

the first time since 1960.

But the two men failed to

boxer and keen distance run

conference after the meeting.

"It's an honour I'll look for

Committee (IOC).

Mandela received the invi-

Reuter.

zerland, May 25:

Nelson Mandela

was invited today

witness per-

sonally South Afri-

Edgbaston.

An earlier report said : Asif Mujtaba and Naveed Anjum staked claims for places in Pakistan's Test team with fine performances on the second day of their three-day cricket match against Leicestershire on Sunday.

Left-hander Mujtaba hit a



ASIF MUJTABA

sparkling 95 with 15 fours while all-rounder Navced followed up an excellent half century by taking three for 37 in the home side's second in

The tourists declared at 393 for eight by tea with a lead of 137 and then had Leicestershire struggling at 84 for four by the close.

Asif led the way in exhilarating fashion, sharing a sixth-wicket partnership of 90 in 24 overs with Navced (56), who reached his half century off 59 balls in 62 minutes.

Asif fell five short of his century, brilliantly caught in the deep by David Millns who had been removed from the home side's attack after a third official warning for running on

Rameez Raja (65) and Cosmic batted first and Inzamam-ul Haq (57) also hit half centuries before Naveed got to work when Leicestershire batted a second time.

With key strike bowlers Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis both injured, Naveed has a great chance of winning a place for the first Test at Edgbaston starting on June 4. However, team manager

rule out either Akram or Wagar for Edgbaston. Intikhab said : "We'll have a look at both of them later this week. I am still hopeful that

Intikhab Alam has refused to

one if not both could play." Wasim is in plaster for eight days with a stress fracture of his lower left leg while Wagar is recovering from a stress

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after final day's play Monday in three-day cri-

due to participate in Barco

fracture in his back.

cket match between Pakistan and English county Lcicestershire:

LEICESTERSHIRE : First innings 256 (Mushtaq Ahmed five for 49) PAKISTAN : First innings

(overnight 87 for one) Rameez Raja c Briers b Gofton Aamir Sohail c Benson b Millns Shoaib Mohammad c Potter b Mullally

Inzamam-ul Haq c Boon b Hepworth Zahid Fazal c Boon b Millns 26 Asif Mujtaba c Millns b Mullally Naveed Anjum c and b

Benson Rashid Latif c Gofton B Benson Mushtaq Ahmed not out Extras: (b-6, lb-13, w-2)

Total: (for eight wickets declared) Fall of wickets: 1-38; 2-121; 3-123;4-200; 5-227; 6-317; 7-372: 8-393

Did not bat : Tanvir Mehdi, Saleem Jaffer Bowling: O 66 80 Mullally 23.2 Gofton 27 107 33 Potter Hcpworth17 2 33 Benson 8.4 LEICESTERSHIRE: Second

inning. Tim Boon lbw Anjum N Briers Ibw b Sohail J Whitaker c Inzamam b Anjum A Roseberry c Latif b Anjum J Benson c Inzamam b Mujtaba L Potter Ibw b Mushtag P Hepworth run out P Nixon Ibw b Sohail R Gofton not out D Millns c Mehdi b Sohail

A Mullally b Mujtaba Extras 29 (9 byes, 17 leg byes, 3 no balls) Fall: 1-8; 2-46; 3-46; 4-68; 5-113; 6-130; 7-173; 8-259; 9-261; 10-269. Bowling: Anjum Mehdi

43 20 Mushtag Mujtaba Sohail PAKISTAN: Second inning Ramecz c Whitaker b Mullally Shoaib b Millns Inzamam not out Mujtaba not out 3 (3 leg byes)

Total: 133 for two Fall: 1-25; 2-53 Did not bat: Aamir Sohail, Zahid Fazal, Naved Anjum Rashid Latif, Mushtag Ahmed, Tanvir Mehdi, Selim Jaafar.

Extras

IOC invites Mandela to Olympics

R Bowling: O M Millns 0 32 29 Mullally Gofton 0 31 Hepworth Pakistan win by eight wick-



at Karachi airport on May 24 before leaving for London to enforce the Pakistani cricket team to replace fast bowler Wasim Akram who is suffering an injury. -AFP photo

Rain affects results

Sport Reporter

afternoon shower came as a relief to the sweating and suffering city dwellers it did cause the aban donment of one of yesterday's Second Division cricket qualifying round matches.

Although the

Lalkuthi Eleven recorded a four-wicket win against Duranta Durbar Club at the Mahakhali T&T ground. Chasing Duranta Durbar's 94 from 29 overs including 45 ex tras, Lalkuthi ambled past the Durbar total in 28.1 overs for six wickets.

Earlier Robin scored 19 to become the only Durbar batsman to reach double figures. Ujjal with two for 19, Selim

with two for nine and Khokan with two for 13 destroyed Durbar with consummate ease. Lalkuthi skipper Khokan made 32 to guide his side to victory, along with Mona who

scored 11. Ishtiaq of Duranta captured three for 22.

At the eastern half of the Dhanmondi cricket Stadium, Kalpataru chalked up an effortless seven wicket victory against Badda Jagarani.

out for a paltry 84 in 22.3 overs with Zillu making 16. Farhad took three for 20. Babu with two for 21, Farid two for 16 and Sayedur with two for 14 were the other wicket-tak-

Wicketkeeper Zahid made 23 as Kalpataru collected 88 for three in 23.1 overs. Swapan bagged two wickets

At the western portion of the same ground Crescent won against Avengers Club in a

truncated match on better run Crescent batted first to make 193 for six with Shato topscoring with 39. Milu made an unbeaten 32; Sohel 27, Israt 23 were the other no-

table scorers: Zia with two for 46 and Ejaz with two for 34 were the successful Avengers bowlers.

Avengers were 169 for five from 24.2 overs when rain stopped play. Ejaz made 45 and Zia 36

Milon claimed two for 41 and Sohel two for one for Crescent.

Crescent were declared the winners for being ahead of their opponents on the runrate after twenty overs.

The match between Malibagh Bright and Holidayers' SCC at the Osmani Stadium Narayanganj was abandoned because of inclement weather. The match will be played on May 27. Wednesday.

TODAY'S MATCHES

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DOHS Junior (DCS East).

Gooch steers Essex home vided the lion's share of the Derbyshire tally, following his

: England skipper Graham Gooch hammered 75 with 63. from 69 balls to steer Essex to an

also continued their rich vein eight-wicket win over of form with 66 and 77 re-Glamorgan at Chelmsford and ensure they retained joint spectively in their 59-run leadership of the Sunday League with Middlesex. reports AFP.

John Stephenson helped his captain in the chase for 195 with a sparking 59 as Essex maintained their 100 per cent record. Middlesex have also won all

five of their games. West Indies opener Desmond Haynes hitting an unbeaten 95 on Sunday to guide them to a seven-wicket triumph over Kent at Canterbury. He was assisted by England hopeful Mark Ramprakash,

who followed his unbeaten 193

against Surrey in the County Championship on Saturday with 57 as Middlesex reached their target of 20 with eight balls to spare. Nottinghamshire's hopes of retaining the title were dealt another blow when they slumped to a 16-run defeat at

Derby, their fourth loss of the Robinson and Derek Randall looked to be leading the champions to victory, but they crashed to 186 all out chasing

Derbyshire's 202 for seven. In-form Peter Bowler prochampionship 155 on Saturday

Hampshire duo Tony Middleton and Robin Smith



GRAHAM GOOCH drubbing of Yorkshire at

Headingley. overs for the first wicket to provide the foundation for

Hampshire's score of 211 for A century stand between

Jack Russell and Mark Alleyne

was also the key to Gloucestershire's six-wicket rout of Somerset at Gloucester target to 145.

after rain had reduced their They secured their first league win of the season with 15 balls to spare thanks to

Russel (56) and Alleyne (58),

who put on an unbroken 116. Meanwhile, Sussex kept their purple patch going with their third league victory in four matches with a ball to spare despite a burst of three wickets in seven deliveries by Surrey seamer Mark Butcher at the Oval.

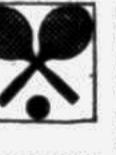
Replying to Surrey's total of 196. Sussex were steered home by Neil Lenham and Peter Moores after Butcher skittled out Alan Wells, Martin Speight and Franklyn Stephenson in rapid succes-

Durham's unbeaten run came to an end, though, Northamptonshire's former England all-rounder David Capel bagging four wickets to mastermind a six-wicket success at Stockton after the home country had managed only 124.

Warwickshire looked on course for victory when bad light and then a thunder storm Ex-England batsmen Tim They put on 126 in 25 halted play at Edgbaston as Lancashire battled for survival.

Replying to a formidable home score of 251 for four, Lancashire were in trouble at 61 for three after 14 overs when the weather broke.

Graf shrugs off shaky start Graf admitted: "I think I



PARIS, May 25: Steffi Graf looked far from happy when she returned to the scene of one of her

worst-ever defeats at the French Open tennis championships here on Monday but after a shaky start against Canada's Rene Simpson-Alter the second-seed took charge. reports AFP.

The 22-year-old German, who won here in 1987 and 1988, eventually scored a 6-3, 6-1 victory to reach a second round berth against either Shi-Ting Wang of Taiwan or French wild card entry Nathalie

But for the first half an hour of the 63-minute clash, Graf looked as though she was suffering from the hangover of her 0-6, 2-6 loss to Spain's Arantxa Sanchez in last year's semifinal.

A series of backhand errors into the net and booming forehands landing well wide of their targets were not helped by a wayward service and double faults in her opening service games.

And as the left-handed Simpson-Alter's double-fisted backhands probed for weaknesses and two crafty drop shots caught Graf out the score moved to 3-3.

Graf suddenly exploded into form in the seventh game, rising high to punch winners with the most feared forehand in women's tennis off Simpson-Alter's high top-spin returns.

The world's number-two won eight points in a row and didn't drop another game to win the set.

The second-set was a formality. With her confidence fully returned, Graf never looked in any danger.

was trying to hard at the start of the match today but believe me I am more eager than ever to do well here." Other early winners inclu-

ded Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia. The 23-year- old tenth-seed, who is scheduled to play Graf for a place in the quarter-finals brushed aside Debbie Graham of the United States 6-3, 6-2.

STEFFI GRAF

Novotna, playing in the event for a seven time, has twice reached the quarterfinals and was a semi-finalist in 1990.

Natalia Medvedeva of the Ukraine defeated Meike Babel of Germany 6-4, 6-4 and Manon Bollegraf of the Netherlands beat Eugenia Mantkova of the CIS 6-2, 6-2.

COURIER WINS

Defending men's champion Jim Courier needed all his experience to snatch a first set after a tie break against stubborn Swede Niclas Kroon on the number-one show

NANTES, France, May 25: Tatiana Gutsu of Ukraine dominated the women's European gymnastics championships by taking the all-

Gutsu, a 16-year-old from Odessa, was competing for the

Soviet republics took the majority of the medals in the four individual events which concluded the two-day competition.

third in the floor exercise.

Olympics tickets sell well

"Of the total of 4.2 million

tickets, more than 1.8 million

have been sold," said Josep

Maria Vila of the Barcelona

Olympic Organizing Committee

(COOB). "Sixty per cent of all

finals and 14 per cent of the

only sold-out sports, while 91

per cent of the tickets are

gone for tennis. Gymnastics,

boxing, fencing, diving, shoot-

ing, wrestling and canoeing

have sold 80 per cent of their

the track and field competi-

tion is on the evening of Aug 8.

when nine finals are sched-

seats left, with soccer having

sold only about 9 per cent of

its 1.3 million tickets. The

soccer draw that determined

where each team will play was

overall, about 80 per cent are

expected to be sold in

Barcelona and the surrounding

region. Some 700,000 were

reserved for overseas markets,

Of the 4.2 million tickets

held last week.

The only sold-out session of

Other sports have more

tickets.

Swimming and judo are the

preliminaries are sold out."



BARCELONA, May 25 : Two months before Summer Games, Olympic officials

say they've sold 43 per cent of their tickets and that many top events are completely booked, reports

All swimming and judo events are sold out, while there are no tickets left for the championship game in men's basketball and some track and field finals. The opening and closing ceremonies, the most expen-

sive tickets at the Barcelona Olympics with prices ranging from dollars 90 to dollars 460. also are sold out. But there still are 2.4 million tickets left, including more than a million for soccer. Seats remain for early-round

basketball games, as well as for most track and field events. Tickets ordered between February 1991 and March 1992 are being distributed in Barcelona beginning Monday, exactly two months before the Games open on July 25.

15,200 South Africa's National Olympic Committee (NOCSA)

NELSON MANDELA tes and officials have been

registered, but the Village can only cope with a maximum

lona, space in the Olympic athletes and officials, well Village is at a premium. Orgaabove the 68 limit suggested nisers say some 19,000 athle earlier this month by the IOC. Samaranch said he and

Mandela reached an agreement "in principle" on the South African participation, but refused to give any more details. Mandela added, however: We think our talks here have

has said it wants to send 183

exceeded our wildest expectations. We are going back with good news for our athletes." Mandela's meeting with Samaranch coincided with ne gotiations at the IOC's Lausanne headquarters between IOC sports director Gilbert Felli

and NOCSA head Sam Ram-

samy expected to produce a

compromise agreement on the size of the South African team. Ramsamy declined to comment on the talks but Olympic sources said he was hoping to send around 130 athletes and

officials to Spain -well above

the IOC's earlier demands.

with more than 125,000 sold already in the United States. Vila said COOB has collected 75 per cent of the dirs 113 million it expects from ticket sales, since most of the highest-priced seats already have been sold. The men's basketball final, at up to dirs

90, is the most expensive sports ticket. The tickets to be distributed beginning Monday are made of a special paper to prevent counterfeiting, and have watermarks that can only be seen when held up to the light.

Each ticket also has a

three-dimensional hologram of

Olympic mascot Cobi and the

Olympic rings, and has been specially made to prevent accurate photocopying. This batch of tickets also will have the buyer's name, but tickets to be sold later at venues will not include a name.

Monday also is supposed to be the day on which COOB announces how many athletes and officials are accredited for the Games, but COOB officials have hinted they may have to push back that announcement.

Samaranch said one firm decision had been taken during his meeting with Mandela - that the South African team should be multiracial. Olympic officials are keen

to avoid the embarrassment of South Africa's white sportsmen, who have long had privi leged training facilities, monopolising the Olympic qualifi-

South Africa was re-admit ted to the IOC last July after the dismantling of the main apartheid laws. The IOC has already given its broad approval to the flag.

anthem and emblem under which its squad will compete in Barcelona. The 74- year- old former political prisoner paid homage to the 71- year- old former Spanish diplomat for the role

he played in South Africa's re-"He has been regarded as the 'Samaranch of Africa' for his support for sport in Africa"

that the ANC was being inconsistent by supporting the end of the sporting boycott against South Africa while it was still calling for economic sanctions. "We do not see any contradiction at all . . . the two ques

tions are totally separate. he

And he refuted a suggestion

Dutch men down Canadian spikers

THE HAGUE, May 25: Can ada were beaten 3-0 (15-9, 15 8, 15-9) by the Netherlands in a World volleyball league match here on Sunday, reports

The defeat followed a 3-1 (15-7, 8-15, 14-16, 8-15) victory for the Canadians over the Dutch in their first match on Saturday night. Canadian coach Brian

Watson said: The top teams in

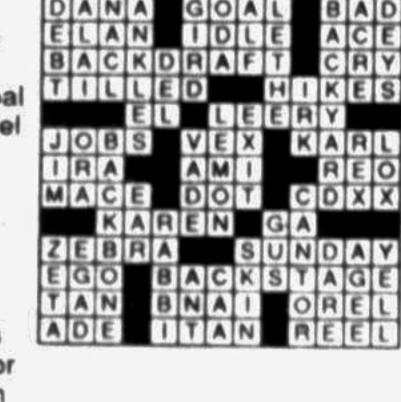
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The Dutch were much bet ter than, yesterday, but from our statistics they gained 22 points from our personal errors." "Next week end in Calgary



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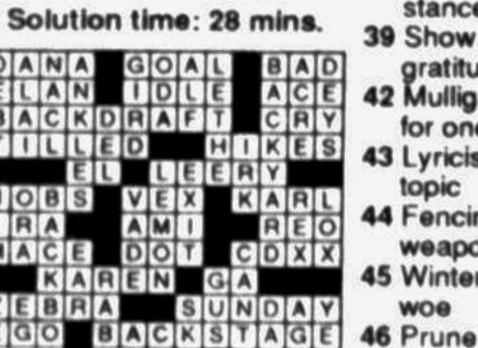
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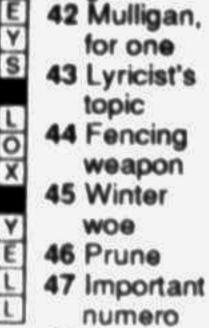
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CRYPTOQUIP

FQQ-NFMMFJB, MFBWMF KWEDK NEEM'K TGD TGHW DJDVC.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals T

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 49 Abner's words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to adjective locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

one point in the tie- break and then took the second set 6-4. Thomas Muster's big-hitting from the baseline wore down Cassio Motta of Brazil for two Gutsu eclipses Bouginskaya

The world number-one,

watched by wily Spanish coach

Jose Higueras, dropped only

around title and two of the four individual apparatus crowns. reports AP.

native republic in the championships as Ukraine, Belarus and Russia were admitted as members of the European Gymnastics Union. In last month's World Championships in Paris she competed for the Commo-nwealth of Indepen-dent States and will compete for the Unified Team at the Olympic.

Svetlana Bouginskaya, the 1989 and 1990 champion, faltered to fifth in the all around and took just the balance beam competition competing for Belarus. In 1990 she took all five gold medals. Members of the three ex-

Gutsu won the uneven parallel bars and the vault events and was runnerup to Bouginskaya in the beam and

Romania's Gina Gogean won the floor event to upset the ex-Soviet superiority.