

# Stewart confirms his class

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 9: Opener Alec Stewart made a magnificent 190, the third-highest score by an Englishman against Pakistan, as the warty first Test ended in a draw on Monday with little to choose between the two sides, reports Reuter.

England had reached 459 for seven, a lead of 13 over the touring side, when more rain and bad light forced the players off for the last time late on the final afternoon.

The result had always looked near-certain after play on the opening two days had been restricted to just two balls but man-of-the-match

Stewart and Robin Smith, who bludgeoned his way to 127, enlivened the fifth day for the home supporters.

It was Stewart's fourth century in five Tests, a rich sequence that has confirmed his arrival as a genuine Test-class opener.

His latest effort, occupying almost six hours, was full of sweetly-timed strokes on both sides of the wicket which brought him 31 boundaries.

Resuming the day on 94, he passed his century off 132 balls and shared a stand of 227 with Smith before mis-hitting a catch to mid-on.

Skipper Graham Gooch commented later: "It's got to be Alec's best yet."

"He was always a fine stroke-player but he knows he had to tighten up his game outside off-stump. He deserves all the success."

Smith, 10 not out when play resumed, batted 231 balls and hit 18 fours, but was indebted to a dropped catch and bowled chance by Mushtaq Ahmed when he had made only 21.

Mushtaq got his man eventually by winning an lbw verdict but, then, England had clawed back much of the initiative gained by Javed Miandad and Salim Malik over the weekend.

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Both sides will now be hoping the weather leaves them in peace for the remainder of the series. The second Test states at Lord's on Thursday week.

## Intikhab rues bounce limit

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 9: Pakistan team manager Intikhab Alam was critical of the rule restricting fast bowlers to one bounce per over on Monday after his side's high scoring draw against England in the first Test, reports Reuter.

Intikhab claimed the rule, being given a three year trial, was making Test cricket "boring".

"This rule is taking a lot of the fun out of the game, and I speak as someone who has been in cricket a long time," he said.

"A fast bowler running in quick and bowling bouncers to a batsman prepared to hook is one of the most exciting sights in cricket."

"But that has now been taken out of the game and in this match it has definitely taken the sting out of Waqar Younis's game."

"If you bowl a bouncer early in the over on pitches as slow as this one the batsman can get on to the front foot for the rest of it and there is nothing the bowler can do."

Intikhab said he believed Pakistan's bowling attack was more potent than England's. He also confirmed Waqar and Wasim Akram would both play in the next two three day games against Nottinghamshire and Northants this week to build up their match fitness.

## Evergreen, DPS reach semis

Fine bowling by Sagar of Evergreen Club marked the start of the eight-team final round of the qualifying meet for the Second Division cricket league in the city yesterday.

A haul of five wickets by Sagar engineered Evergreen's passage into the semifinals when they recorded a convincing five-wicket victory over Naya Paltan Cricketers at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Dhanmondi Pragati Sangha (DPS) also made the semifinals by registering an easy four-wicket victory against Kadamtala, Sangsad at the Mohakhali T & T ground in the other match of the day.

The champions and runners-up of the final round will play in the Second Division league next season.

At Pallabi, put into bat, Naya Paltan were all out for a poor 113 in 29.5 overs.

Sagar of Evergreen ran through the batting by claiming five wickets for only 23 runs. Imtiaz and Bappi took a wicket apiece.

Arif and Rafique made 27 and 25 respectively for Naya Paltan.

Evergreen needed 24.1 overs to score 115 with five wickets to spare.

Anadil top scored with 42 while Bappi made 29 and Imtiaz 19.

Badar with two for 30 was the most successful bowler for Naya Paltan.

Evergreen will now take on the victors of the quarterfinal between DOHs (Jrs) and Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha in the semifinals on June 18.

At the T & T ground, Kadamtala skipper Babu won the toss and elected to bat. But his side could muster only 134 for eight wickets when their allotted 35 overs ran out.

Babu topscored with 25 while Jalal and Rashed made 24 each.

Shamik with three for 17 was the pick of the Dhanmondi Pragati Sangha bowlers while Mohsin chipped in by taking two for 34.

Dhanmondi Pragati cruised past Kadamtala's total, making 135 for six wickets in 33.3 overs. Skipper Biplab made 31 while Habib, Apollo and Shamik scored 29, 23 and 16 respectively.

Dhanmondi will play the winners of today's quarterfinal between Pallabi Club and Kalindi Kriya Chakra in the semifinals on June 18 at the same venue.

### TODAY'S MATCH

Pallabi Club vs Kalindi KC (T & T ground)

## MCC orders security review

LONDON, June 9: The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has ordered a security review for the second test between England and Pakistan here this month following crowd trouble in the first encounter at Edgbaston, reports AFP.

The sale of alcohol will be high on the agenda for the match starting at Lord's on June 18. Birmingham police blamed the fighting between England and Pakistani fans on excessive drink.

Colonel John Stephenson, the MCC secretary, warned: "If there's any rowdiness, I will not hesitate to close the bars down. When you get a lot of unruly drunks fighting each other, it spoils the enjoyment of the other spectators."

"We shall be checking up on exactly what happened at Edgbaston, but I'm fairly confident we'll get it right."

## Carl Hooper is again Kent's hero

LONDON, June 9: Another fine innings by West Indian Carl Hooper guided Kent to their second county championships win of the season when they beat champions Essex by four wickets with 20 balls to spare at Tunbridge Wells on Monday, reports Reuter.

Kent were the only team to achieve a win in the rain-hit round of three-day matches and it required both sides to forfeit an innings to make it possible.

Essex declared their first innings on 342 for four and Kent were given an excellent

start by Neil Taylor with a superb 90.

He hit 16 boundaries and shared in stands of 83 with his captain Mark Benson (67) and 63 with Hooper.

The West Indian looked set for his third championship hundred of the season until he drove a catch into the covers when he had made 86.

But by then he had put on 125 in 30 overs with Graham Cowdrey (57 not out) and victory was well in sight.

Elsewhere, there was little hint of a positive result.

Phil Carrick, with six for 58, bagged his best figures for seven years as Somerset were bowled out for 167, 150 runs

behind and made to follow on by Yorkshire at Middleborough.

But the match was condemned to a draw when the captains failed to agree on a last day target.

Neil Fairbrother suffered another injury blow when he had to be carried off the field during Lancashire's drawn match with Gloucestershire at Old Trafford.

Sidelined for 11 days after pulling a hamstring in England's second one-day international against Pakistan, Fairbrother aggravated the injury when he pulled up sharply while fielding and now looks set for another lay-off.

## Morale boost for Pak hockey

AMSTERDAM, June 9: Pakistan gave Asian hockey a major boost when they beat the Netherlands 2-1

In an exciting match here on Monday to lift the BMW Trophy, their first success in Europe for the team who played extremely well throughout the tournament, said manager Isahuddin Siddiqui, reports AFP.

"This triumph has given us great encouragement for the Olympics," and he added: "We are hoping to go on a short tour of Europe before the Games but so far we have been unable to arrange anything."

Pakistan only needed a draw on Monday to take the trophy but went out for a win and pulled it off in a display of great speed and superb ball skills.

The Dutch goal led a charmed life in the first ten minutes. Several shots skimmed just wide of the target and keeper Frank Leistra gave an acrobatic performance, saving spectacularly on a number of occasions, particularly from Shahbaz Ahmed.

Against the run of play, the

Netherlands snatched a lead in the 24th minute when Floris Bolvelander converted a short corner.

In response, Pakistan moved up a gear and gained a deserved equaliser when Tahir Zaman struck in the scramble that followed a short corner.

The winner came in the 51st minute when Shahbaz was impeded inside the circle.

Tahir Zaman, who had failed to beat Leistra from the spot right at the start of the second half, made no mistake with his second attempt.

Although the Dutch also missed a penalty stroke — Marc Delissen firing wide of the target in the 65th minute — Pakistan held on comfortably to their lead.

Dutch coach Hans Jorriema was disappointed: "We have a lot of work to do and will have to get down to it soon."

"I think our forwards are below standard but I have tried several experiments and nothings has worked so far."

But Jorriema was full of praise for Leistra's goalkeeping. "He will be my number one for the Olympics," he said.

There was better luck for the Dutch women when they

beat Germany 1-0 to lift that trophy.

South Korea would have finished a clear second if they had not allowed Britain to snatch two late goals when they had been in control at 5-2. As it was, they shared second with Spain who finished with identical points and goal figures.

Wasim Feroze of Pakistan was voted player of the tournament by a panel of judges. Feroze's four goals in the tournament left him one behind top scorer Robert Hill of Britain.

### FINAL STANDINGS

Final tables from BMW Trophy competition in Amsterdam (played, won, drawn, lost, for, against, points):

	Pakistan	Germany	Netherlands	Great Britain	Spain
MEN'S:	4 3 1 0 10 7 7	4 2 1 1 8 5 5	4 2 0 2 10 10 4	4 0 2 2 10 12 2	4 0 2 2 7 11 2

	Netherlands	Spain	South Korea	Germany	Great Britain
WOMEN'S:	4 3 0 1 5 3 6	4 2 0 2 8 8 4	4 2 0 2 8 8 4	4 2 0 2 3 3 4	4 1 0 3 6 8 2

## Sharif's lament

ISLAMABAD, June 9: Sports-loving Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has complained that his tennis court is useless, his swimming pool dirty and that his bodyguards will not let him jog, reports Reuter.

Sharif said during a foundation-laying ceremony at an Islamabad park on Monday that there was no decent tennis court at the Prime Minister's residence to which he moved earlier this year.

"The one which has been made there is very useless," he said.

"A swimming pool is built there which remains dirty because the filtration plant does not work. These things should be set right."

Sharif, 42, said he had not been jogging since he became Prime Minister in November 1990.

"There was hardly a day when I did not go out for jogging when I was Punjab Chief Minister," he said. "In Islamabad when you talk of jogging, they say 'you are Prime Minister, there is a security problem.'"

But Sharif still gets the chance to indulge his other sporting passion, cricket. He occasionally plays for a side in his hometown Lahore, the Punjab provincial capital.

## Near record field for British Open golf July 16-19

ST ANDREWS, Scotland, June 9: A near record field of 1,666 has entered for the July 16-19 British Open golf tournament, the organizing club said Tuesday, reports AP.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, which hosts the Open, to be this year at Muirfield, has added four extra qualifying courses to the seven already announced to handle the demand.

Any registered amateur of professional golfer can enter the Open, but must qualify for the final 156 places. The US Open winner, 92 professionals, and the top five non-exempt players from the Scottish Open are given automatic entries.

The record entry for the Open was 1,707 in 1990. The club said 189 amateurs and 1,477 professionals had entered this year's tournament.



Prince Charles takes a drink from a cup at the Guards Polo Club in Windsor, England during the Dunhill Queen's Cup June 8 as speculation continued about a rift in his marriage to Diana. —AFP photo

## BOA denies any conspiracy against Samaranch

LONDON, June 9: There has been no conspiracy in British port to unseat Juan Antonio Samaranch as president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), a leading British official said on Monday, reports Reuter.

The IOC has begun criminal libel proceedings in Switzerland against the British authors of a recent book which was savagely critical of the Olympic movement in general and Samaranch in particular.

Samaranch said last month he believed the authors, Vyv Simson and Andrew Jennings, had been manipulated by unnamed individuals in Britain who wanted to remove him as IOC boss.

He repeated the allegation in a Spanish newspaper last week and suggested there was an Anglo-Saxon clique that could not tolerate a Spaniard as head of the IOC.

But Sir Arthur Gold, chairman of the British Olympic Association (BOA), told Samaranch on Monday: "We have no conspiracies. I assure you categorically there has not been any kind of conspiracy within British sport."

However, when asked whether he accepted the BOA's placatory statement, Samaranch backed away from the issue and said simply that he respected and admired British sport.

Samaranch and Gold were speaking at a news conference to launch another Olympic Book, "Olympic Revolution," by British journalist David Miller.

Miller's book paints a far more flattering picture of Samaranch's 12 years as president of the IOC than that compiled by Simson and Jennings.

## China to revive bull-fighting

HONG KONG, June 9: China is reviving the ancient sport of bull-fighting, a newspaper reported here, reports AFP.

Unlike the Spanish version, the bulls battle each other. The report said bullfights in Jinhua, which date back to 220 AD evoked a strong sense of appreciation and entertainment.

## Olympic flame sails for Spain

ATHENS, June 9: The Olympic flame was stowed away on the Spanish navy square-rigger Catalunya at Piraeus on Tuesday for a four-day Mediterranean voyage to Barcelona, reports AFP.

The torching ship was expected to dock at Empuries just north of Barcelona on June 13 and will then be taken on a relay-run through 652 cities before reaching Barcelona for the opening ceremony on July 25.

An earlier report said thousands of spectators cheered in Athens on Monday night as the Olympic flame ended the first leg of its journey to the Barcelona Games.

The flame, enclosed in a brass miner's lamp, will be carried today on the Spanish frigate Catalunya to Ampurias, once an ancient Greek port, north of Barcelona.

It will then travel almost 6,000 km (3,700 miles) through 652 towns in Spain before reaching the Montjuic Olympic Stadium, where it will burn three metres (nine feet) high in a titanium bowl during the Summer Olympics which

start on July 25.

About 5,000 people are expected to carry the flame on foot, bicycle and boat, including International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch.

The captain of Greece's national basketball team, Panayotis Yannakis, carried the torch, kindled with the sun's rays on Friday, into the floodlit

stadium in Athens.

The torch was carried by 367 people over the 267 km (167 miles) to Athens from ancient Olympia, where the Games began in 776 BC.

"The moment has come to hand over the flame, which symbolises the brotherhood and reconciliation of peoples," said the president of the Greek Olympic Committee.

## IOC dallies on Yugoslavia

LONDON, June 9: The International Olympic Committee will delay making a firm decision on Yugoslavia's participation in the Barcelona Games until just before the start on July 25, reports AFP.

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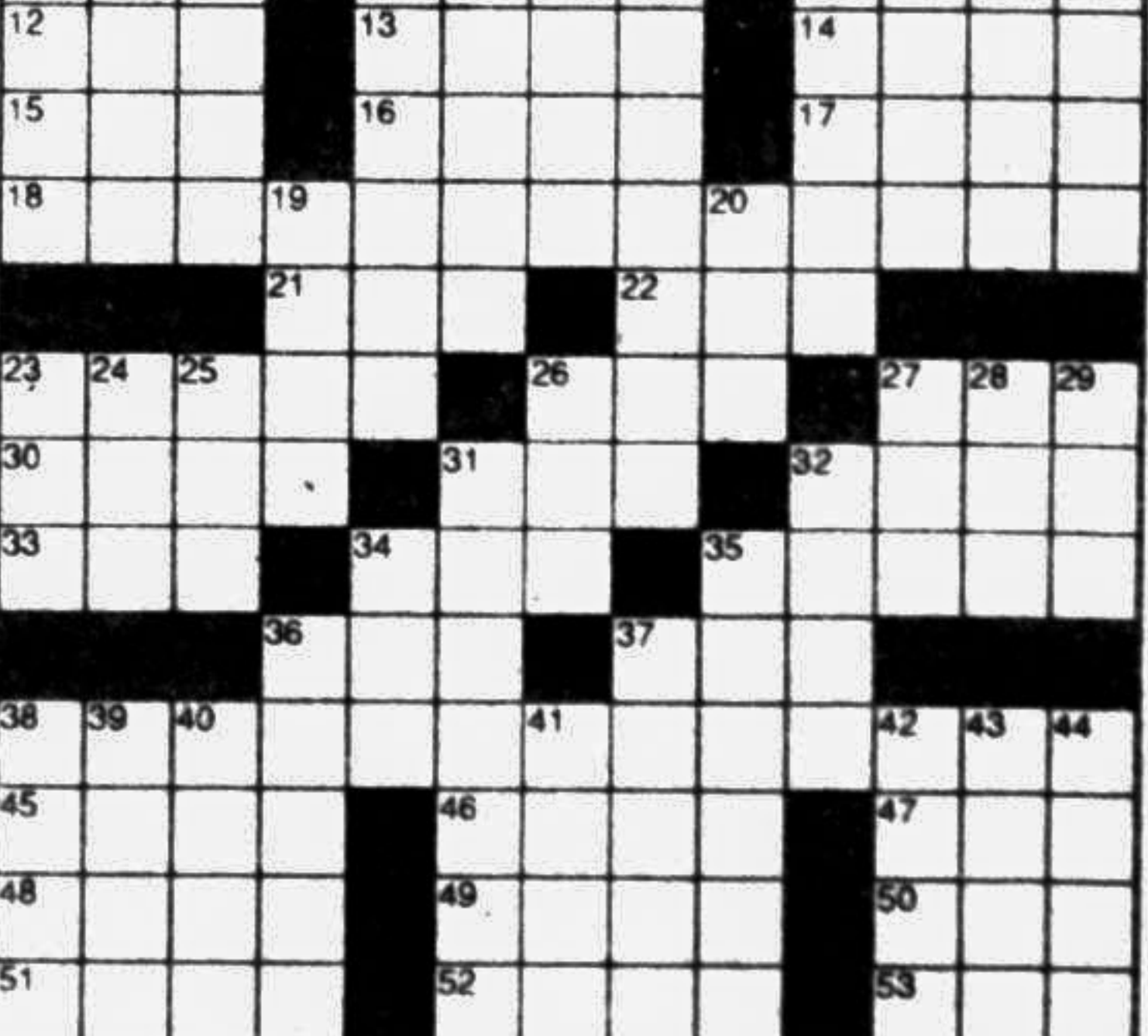
## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 1 Hair-salon electronically  
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 4 Freebie, for short  
 8 Slap  
 12 Guadalupe  
 13 Finished  
 14 October  
 15 Spoon-bender  
 16 Napa Valley  
 17 "Star Trek" role  
 18 Unembellished  
 21 "Chances"  
 22 Love-seat  
 23 Duel tool  
 26 San Diego attraction  
 27 You can't stand to have one  
 30 Do in  
 31 Ending for bar or war  
 32 Philippine knife  
 33 Neither  
 34 Creator  
 35 Sent

**DOWN**  
 5 Sheepish  
 6 Make good as new  
 7 He played Prof. Harold Hill  
 8 H.G. Brown's mag  
 9 —, and away!  
 10 Drop  
 11 Chimney channel  
 19 Sandwich man?  
 20 — Jima  
 23 Take to the slopes  
 24 Succeed  
 25 Due for repair  
 26 OED denoue-

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

LEA PIA SKIED  
 ACT END PINTO  
 ZOO AVALANCHE  
 ELL ROGER  
 SELF KEN KUDU  
 EWE DENZEL  
 HAIRY DEISM  
 ANDREW JOE  
 STAY AMO LADY  
 LANDSLIDE GEE  
 UMI AK ZAG ERR  
 GILDS ENA WAS



### CRYPTOQUIP

FIYZ XNTSS FRNXRIDL  
 LWFWAZYRNFAYDRZTB  
 ILBWVA: SIAAYD.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals S

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.



Dutch captain Marc Delissen (L) tackles Pakistan's Tahir Zaman during their BMW Trophy match in Amsterdam Monday. Pakistan won 2-1 to win the title. —AFP photo