

Windies restricted to 265

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Apr 30: Captain Richie Richardson stood defiant as his team succumbed for an inadequate 265 all out on the first day of the deciding fourth and final Test against Australia on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Richardson scored exactly 100 in an untypically patient knock but would have not been happy with his team's performance in a match which West Indies must at least draw to retain their 15-year unbeaten record. The series for the unofficial World Championship is tied 1-1.

Brian Lara was at his attacking best with 65 from 78 balls with nine fours and shared a second-wicket partnership of 103 with Richardson.

But his dismissal shortly before lunch represented the end of West Indies ascendancy and the final six wickets fell for just 45 runs.

Richardson would have expected his team to surpass their highest score of the series — 260 in the first innings of the second Test — when he won the toss for the fourth time and decided to bat.

However, the capacity crowd was sensing the worst when inexperienced opener Stuart Williams was dismissed second ball of the match, fending a rising Paul Reiffel delivery straight into the hands of Greg Blewett close to the bat on the leg side.

Lara came to the wicket without a run on the board and proceeded to humble the Australian attack.

He was in awesome form, clobbering his half century off

60 balls in 82 minutes and the Australians breathed a sigh of relief when Warner lured him forward, the ball brushed the bat and lobbed to wicket-keeper Ian Healy.

Local hero Jimmy Adams looked comfortable, making 20



RICHIE RICHARDSON runs before pulling a Julian delivery to Michael Slater at mid-on.

Carl Hooper joined Richardson and the pair were a model of patience and concentration, slowly taking the score to 188.

Hooper looked set but when he had reached 23 Julian tempted the West Indian to drive and sliced the ball to Mark Waugh.

Australia, through commitment and clever captaincy, had crawled back into contention and their hopes rose as Keith Arthurton (16), and debutant wicket-keeper Courtney Browne (1) were dismissed.

Browne, a late replacement for the injured Junior Murray, spent a nervous 48 minutes at

the crease before predictably becoming another Warner victim.

Perhaps in despair, Richardson had a lapse of concentration minutes after bringing up his 16th Test century and the first by any batsman in the series with an awkward sweep to fine leg, off Warner and was immediately trapped lbw by Reiffel.

The end of the captain's 222-ball innings, which included 12 fours and a six, finished West Indies' hopes of a big score.

Steve Waugh picked up two wickets for one run in a six-ball period to mop up the tail with Reiffel who had last man Kenny Benjamin caught behind.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the fourth Test between West Indies and Australia on Saturday:

WEST INDIES: First innings

S Williams c Blewett b Reiffel	0
R Richardson lbw Reiffel	100
B Lara c Healy b Warner	65
J Adams c Slater b Julian	20
C Hooper c M Waugh b Julian	23
K Arthurton c Healy b McGrath	16
C Browne c Boun b Warner	1
W Benjamin lbw S Waugh	7
C Ambrose not out	6
C Walsh c Boun b S Waugh	2
K Benjamin c Healy b Reiffel	5
Extras: (b-1, lb-9, w-1, nb-9)	20
Total:	265

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-103; 3-131; 4-188; 5-220; 6-243; 7-250; 8-251; 9-254.

Bowling:

Reiffel	13.4	0	M	R	W
Julian	12	3	31	2	
McGrath	20	4	79	1	
Warne	25	6	72	2	
S Waugh	11	5	14	2	
M Waugh	4	1	11	0	

DeFreitas destroys Sussex

LONDON, Apr 30: England seamer Phillip DeFreitas claimed six for 35 on Saturday as Derbyshire recorded the most comprehensive victory of their 125-year history in the opening round of the English County Championship, reports Reuter.

Derbyshire crushed Sussex by an innings and 379 runs with England A captain Alan Wells left unbeaten on 46 in the visitors' second innings on the third day of the four-day match.

Durham, who finished bottom of the table in their first two championship seasons before moving up two places last year, defeated Hampshire by 26 runs thanks to some excellent pace bowling from Simon Brown who finished with five for 49.

Hampshire, chasing 232 to win, were on course for victory at 147 for three but slumped to 205 all out. Robin Smith, fighting to regain his England place, scored 77.

Champions Warwickshire looked likely to start with a win over 1993 champions Middlesex at Edgbaston, setting the visitors a daunting victory target of 353. When bad light ended play, Middlesex were 60 for one.

Former England all-rounder David Capel continued his excellent start to the season with two cheap wickets for Northamptonshire against Kent.

Capel, whose last two seasons have been disrupted by injury, picked up two for 11 with his medium pace in Kent's second innings to follow a score of 167 and four for 50 in Kent's first innings.

At the close Kent, following on 209 runs behind, were 192 for seven in their second innings.

DPRK skip World TT

TIANJIN, Apr 30: The absence from the World table tennis championships of North Korea's highly rated team was disappointing and baffling, a leading official said today, reports Reuter.

North Korea, many of whose players are world class, will not participate in the team competitions starting on Tuesday or the individual championships, but will send delegates to International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) meetings.

"It's a pity they are not competing and if anybody can tell me why, they have a scoop. They did not give any reasons in their telex. Who knows with the North Koreans," said Albert Shipley, the ITTF general secretary.

North and South Korea fielded a unified squad at the 1991 World Championships in Japan and officials from the Communist North wept openly when the women's team won the title, ending China's eight-tournament reign.

But the hope for sporting breakthrough between the two countries, which are officially still at war, never materialised and they sent separate teams to the 1993 championships in Gothenburg.

North Korea, which also stayed away from last year's Asian Games in Japan, is currently staging a sports festival in the capital, Pyongyang, and has opened its doors to tourists, mainly from Japan and Taiwan.

Canton to bid for '99 Games

MONACO, Apr 30: The Chinese city of Canton has announced its intention to bid for the 1999 World Athletics Championships, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) said on Friday, reports Reuter.

The announcement, coinciding with a visit to Beijing by IAAF president Primo Nebiolo, is a further sign of China's push to achieve greater international status after years in the sporting wilderness.

Beijing just lost out to Sydney in the 1993 bid to stage the Summer Olympics in 2000 and there has been speculation that the Chinese capital will try again for the 2004 Games.

The IAAF said of Canton's bid that Nebiolo had noted the city had an 80,000-capacity stadium and excellent warm-up facilities.

The IAAF also confirmed it would make a decision on the venue of the 1997 World Championships at its council meeting in Gothenburg Sweden, from May 21 to 23.

Mexico pulled out of the championships last month for financial reasons. Rome, split, Helsinki, Athens and New Delhi have all applied to host the event in place of Mexico and the United States and Spain are also making bids.

The United States has to decide whether to put forward Seattle or Stanford as its candidate and Spain is choosing from Madrid, Seville and Barcelona.



China's Gao Hongmiao (C) is on the winners podium along with Russia's Elena Nikolaeva (L) and compatriot Liu Hongyu after winning the IAAF World Race Walking Cup women's 10 km event in Beijing on Saturday. Gao clocked 42 minutes and 19 seconds to win the gold followed by Elena (42:32) and Liu (42:49) who finished second and third respectively.

World Championships begin tomorrow

China hope to settle old score

TIANJIN, China, Apr 30: China's formidable women's table tennis squad hope to settle an old score with a former teammate as they attempt a clean sweep in the World Championships here from Tuesday, reports AFP.

Few Chinese — especially the world's two top-ranked players Deng Yaping and Gao Hong — have forgotten the humiliation at the hands of Japan's Chire Koyama at the Asian Games in Hiroshima last year.

Chire, a former Chinese international who left the country in a huff in 1988 after being asked by her coach to lose a match to another teammate, defeated both Deng and Gao to win the Asian gold medal.

Chinese coach Zhang Xielin, once Chire's friend, philosopher and guide, appeared devastated at the loss at Hiroshima, even though his team lifted the team event.

doubles and mixed doubles titles.

"Losing the singles title meant we lost a gold medal, but we can recapture our glory with greater efforts," he said. "But we must know why we failed."

Chire will not represent Japan in the team events of the World Championships which get under way on Tuesday, but the world number six will be a force to be reckoned with in the singles competition.

With four of the world's five top players in its ranks, China is heavily favoured to continue its dazzling run in the women's team event where it has won nine times in the last 20 years.

China won eight successive crowns on the trot since 1975 before a united Korean team ended its winning streak at Chiba, Japan in 1991.

The Chinese regained the top spot in the last World Championships at Gothenberg, Sweden, two years ago and home fans are already taking

victory by their women for granted at the newly completed Tianjin Sports Complex here.

Hong Kong, China's closest rivals, depend heavily on their in-form world number three Chai Po Wa who took four titles at last week's Commonwealth meet in Singapore.

But former Chinese coach Xu Shaofa warned that Deng and company cannot afford to be careless, a trait that cost them dearly in individual competitions in the last few years.

Deng, the 22-year-old world number one, not only lost to Chire in the Asian Games final, but bowed out in the third round of the Gothenberg World Championships to Singapore's unfancied Chinese import Jun Hong Jin.

"Inconsistency has been a major problem with our players," coach Zhang Xielin said. "One day they play great, but on another they fail miserably. Mental toughness is very important against strong rivals."

Muster survives collapse

MONACO, Apr 30: Austrian Thomas Muster was given the go-ahead to play Germany's Boris Becker in the Monte Carlo tournament final here on Sunday after collapsing with dehydration during his semifinal, report agencies.

Muster was told he could play by doctors following a hospital check-up. He collapsed on Saturday after beating Italian Andrea Gaudenzi.

Second seed Becker beat the erratic Croat Goran Ivanisevic in three sets to reach the Monte Carlo final for the third time in an exciting match which still fell short of the drama of Muster's encounter.

The Austrian, winner in Monte Carlo three years ago, had medical attention during the second set against regular training partner Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy and staggered around court before hanging on to win 6-3, 7-6, an earlier Reuter report says.

Afterwards he said he was going to hospital for tests on a mystery illness and would only play today if given a clear go-ahead from doctors.

"I'd love to win the title here again but not at the risk of a heart attack," Muster said. The Austrian, unbeaten on clay this season and winner of his last three tournaments, said he could not even remember playing the last few games of his match with the 14th seed.

He said he had neither slept nor eaten for two days and had a temperature of more than 40 Celsius when he came off centre court.

"Everything I did on court afterwards was by instinct," he said. "I couldn't feel my body at all. I was just trying not to collapse."

Muster did collapse after winning five consecutive points from trailing 5-2 in the tiebreak to take the match, sobbing with exhaustion as he lay on court.

The Austrian said he had felt similar problems before the final in Estoril but had no idea what the nature of his illness was.

Becker, showing surprisingly good form this week on the clay surface which has always given him problems, was more patient than Ivanisevic in his 7-6, 3-6, 6-1 win.

After taking a hard-fought first set 11-9 in the tiebreak, Becker dropped a set for the first time in the tournament as the Croat came back.

But Ivanisevic, who had struggled with a wrist injury on Friday, fell away in the final set.

"I've played four good matches here this week," said a highly satisfied Becker. "I hope to play a fifth tomorrow."

Rusedski too good for Rehmann

SEOUL, Apr 30: Canadian Greg Rusedski won the 203,000 dollars South Korean Open tennis title today when German opponent Lars Rehmann was forced to retire through injury, reports Reuter.

Atherton remains at the helm

LONDON, Apr 30: Mike Atherton has been re-appointed England cricket captain, but only for the first three one-day internationals and first three Test matches against the West Indies, reports Reuter.

Ray Illingworth, the chairman of the England selectors, made the announcement on Sunday and said that he wanted Atherton to concentrate his energies on leading the team on the field and not become involved in off-field affairs.

Former England captain Illingworth said that Atherton would obviously take part in press conferences, but should leave other matters to those "whose job it is."

He added that Atherton's responsibility was to achieve success on the pitch.

During the recent Ashes tour of Australia, Atherton caused controversy when he said that the selectors should adopt a more youthful policy towards England teams.

He also made it clear that

he disagreed with some of the tour selections and had wanted discarded pace bowler Angus Fraser in the party. Fraser did join up with the England team during the tour as a replacement because of injuries to other players.

Illingworth said after making the announcement of Atherton's appointment: "It is



MIKE ATHERTON not the captain's job to go around criticising the selectors.

"If he's got something to say he should say it in committee and in private. We had a good meeting at Old Trafford last Tuesday where we agreed on certain things."

BCCI to select WC venues soon

MADRAS, Apr 30: Madhavrao Scindia, Union Human Resources Development Minister, today said the technical committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will soon decide on the venues for the World Cup cricket, to be held early next year, reports AFP.

The cup is jointly organised by Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka.

Scindia, who is also the organising committee chairman of the tournament, said the PILCOM (Pak India Lanka Committee) would meet in mid May. All work was going on as per schedule, he said.

The title sponsorship and television rights had also been decided, he added.

Holder to lead Windies-A against Indians

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Apr 30: Barbados middle order batsman Roland Holder will lead a West Indies A team in a three-match cricket series against India in Trinidad and Tobago next month, reports AP.

West Indies Cricket Board of Control secretary Andrew Sealy made the announcement in Bridgetown, Barbados.

The series billed for May 4, 6 and 7, is being played to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first arrival of Indians to Trinidad and Tobago.

The 13-member squad includes three players with Test experience, all-rounder Phil Simmons and fast bowlers Anderson Cummins and Cameron Cuffy.

The West Indies selectors were limited in their choice to select players not contracted in the leagues in Britain and Europe for the summer.



German Oliver Domke crumples on the turf following a nasty tackle by India's Anil Aldrian Alexander (C) while his teammate Shakeel Ahmed Khan looks on during a four-nation hockey tournament match in Huerth, Germany, on April 29.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Zhao puts China on top

BEIJING, Apr 30: China's Zhao Yongsheng took the men's 50-kilometre title in the second day of the World Race-Walking Cup here Sunday in a surprise win that established China as a top league team, reports AFP.

Zhao pulled away of the pack just one kilometre into the race and kept up his blistering pace despite Beijing's unusually warm spring weather to finish the race in three hours 41 minutes, 20 seconds, ahead of world champion and hot favourite Jesus Garcia of Spain.

"He was a very great competitor. It's very courageous to lead the whole race. When I tried to attack... he went stronger and I couldn't do anything. I congratulate him," Garcia said after the race in the Asian Games Village in the north of the capital.

China finished ninth in the 50-kilometre team event — with Zhao's compatriots coming in 22nd and 68th — and third overall in the men's rankings for the two-day tournament behind Mexico and Italy.

However, the home team was the talks of the tournament, emerging to join Mexico, Russia, Spain and Italy as one of the strongest nations in the sport.

China won the men's individual and team 20-kilometre race and women's individual and team 10-kilometre event Saturday.

This is the first time the International Amateur Athletics Federation has organised an event in China.

ITTF likely to lift ban on toxic glue

TIANJIN, Apr 30: A decision to ban the controversial use of toxic glue to stick rubbers to table tennis bats is likely to be overturned during the World Championships, leading officials said today, reports Reuter.

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) currently approves the use of 20 glues, which are applied by players immediately before matches to speed up serves, but has voted for a complete ban from August 1 on health grounds.

Cooperation with the manufacturers has seen the levels of toxicity reduced to a minimal amount, leading to calls for the ban to be overturned.

"We have got the toxicity down to a negligible level but of course we cannot say the glues are totally harmless," said ITTF general secretary Albert Shipley.

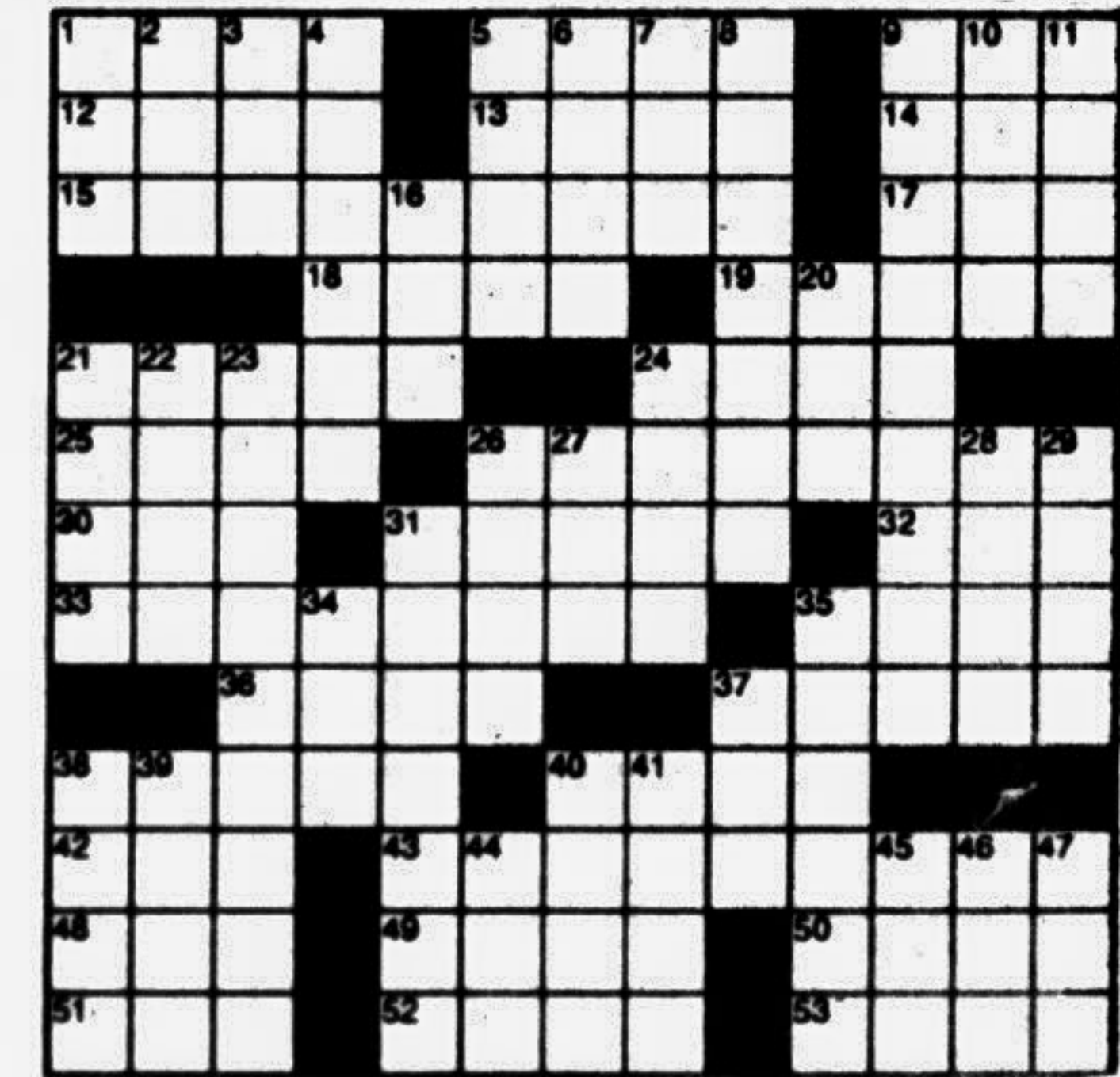
"But as we have reduced the toxicity the players do not see why they cannot continue to use the glues. Even the glues with small toxicity are due to be banned from August 1 but there is a groundswell of opinion against that being enforced," he said.

ITTF president Lollo Hammarlund said the ban would likely become unstick.

"Some professors say the glues are dangerous, other professors say they are not dangerous. If dangerous, the risk is too small. I think we can take it," he told a news conference.

"It is a very big question but I think we will have the ban lifted," he said.

Hammarlund said the glue issue would be discussed at the ITTF biennial meeting on May 6 and the council meeting on May 10.



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V F E E O L W B W. "U T D G
H K C E B A A B U O D W K?"
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BY THE WAY, WOULD IT BE LOTS OF FUN TO DATE TWINS? YES AND NO.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: E equals D
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Y, 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.