LONDON, June 9: England discards Dominic Cork and John Crawley answered the selectors in the best possible way with outstanding performances in the English county championship on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Cork, dropped after the one-day internationals against the West Indies, claimed a career-best nine for 43 for Derbyshire against Northants at Derby.

And Crawley, who has been overlooked after playing in the Ashes tour of Australia, hammered 182 for Lancashire against Glamorgan at Old Trafford.

Cork's figures were the best by a Derbyshire bowler for 20 years-and he would have had all 10 had Colin Wells not dropped Russell Warren at first slip.

The 23-year-old all-rounder bowled unchanged for 22 overs and had a spell of four wickets in eight balls.

"There was obviously a little bit of satisfaction in that I did this on a day when England were playing a Test match," he said.

A total of 23 wickets fell for 292 runs in the day. Derbyshire were dismissed for 113, then leaders Northants managed just 120 in their second innings Derby were 59 for

Crawley's 182 was his highest at Old Trafford and helped Lancashire to 378 for eight.

He was nearing his third double-century for Lancashire when he was caught at long-on. He batted for 316 minutes. faced 259 balls and hit 25 fours.

Former England skipper Graham Gooch hit 97 and Australian Test star Mark Waugh 95 as Essex reached 339 for eight against Durham at Chelmsford.

The pair shared a secondwicket stand of 191. Gooch hit 10 fours and two sixes, while Waugh hit exactly 50 in bound-

Mushtag Ahmed returned a ours best five for 54 for imperset as Surrey slumped to 221 all out at The Oval.

The Pakistan leg-spinner sparked a collapse which saw nine Surrey wickets fall for 91 runs in 50 overs. Mushtag's figures during that spell were five for 22 in 25 overs.

Champions Warwickshire lost their last six wickets for 40 runs as they were bowled out for 248 by Sussex at Edgbaston. TOTAL TOTAL PIN

South Africa paceman Allan Donald, returning after missing three matches through injury, trapped Neil Lenham lbw as Sussex reached 41 for one in replay.

Malaysian soccer again in trouble

KUALA LUMPUR, June 9: After match-fixing, bribery, drugs and illicit sex, Malaysian soccer has another scandal, reports Reuter.

The newspaper The Star reported Thursday that the chief coach of a state team has been sacked because he allegedly attended a national tournament last month with a woman, passing her off as his wife.

It said coach Jalil Dollah and the unidentified woman staved together in a hostel room provided by the organizers, but were discovered midway through the May 25-30 tournament in Kota Bahru city. Dollah was sacked and sent

back to his home state of Malacca, The Star said, quoting Malacca Football Association deputy President K, Nagaratnam.

Dollah is a Muslim and under Islamic law can be punished for being alone in a room with a woman who is not his

The Religious Affairs Department, which handles such cases, has been notified. The Star said.

In a similar case, a Malacca player who was allegedly having an affair confessed last week to faking injuries to skip at least four matches and be with his lover. Earlier, four other Malacca players confessed to taking addictive drugs. They have been sus-

pended from the team. In Malaysia, religious policemen catch hundreds of couples every year committing "khalwat," which means close proximity and describes unmarried couples being together in an enclosed area. A bigger crime is 'zina,' or extramarital and pre-marital sex.

Both crimes are punishable by fines of up to a few hundred dollars.

The sex disclosures came as Malaysian police were investigating a year-old scandal in which players from almost every state team in Malaysia were reported to have accepted bribes from bookmakers to fix results of matches in the national league.

Since last August, 58 players who confessed to accepting bribes have been banned from the sport for one to four years. Another 21 players were banished to remote parts of the country.



Two players vie for control of the ball during yesterday's Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament match between Abahani and Bangladesh Boys Club at the Dhaka Sta-- Star photo dium. Abahani won the match by a solitary goal.

Abahani's second in a row

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Mamun, Askar Khan, Asif Yusuf

(Rokonuzzaman), Maksudul

Amin Rana and Jalaluddin

YOUNGMEN'S CLUB: Bijon,

Rakib, Mizan and Naquib.

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD:

Seven players of both sides

Yellow cards: Sohel Alam

In the day's other robin



Chakra recorded cessive victory in the Beximco 13th Federation Cup

football tournament beating Bangladesh Boys Club 1-0 at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. reports UNB. The win left Abahani well

placed for a place in the semi-Abahani's Uzbek midfielder

Vladimir netted the matchwinner from a penalty in the 13th minute. The spotkick was awarded

after the Boys defenders Badal and Jahangir brought down Abahani forward Jamal in the DMFA.Cup champions Aba-

hani, dominated the first half, but could not increase the margin due to poor finishing. After only the seventh

minute, the Boys custodian Sehim gripped a right footer volley by Joy.

Both Jamal and Biplob spoiled at least one clear chance each in the 17th and 37th minutes.

Jamal shot wide from close after left-back Mansur provided him a nice through in

the box while Biplob also took a weak and wide shot from their second suc- close with the Boys goalie Se-

lim at his mercy Goalie Selim foiled another nice attempt by Joy, the Abahani midfielder, for a corner in the 30th minute.

At the fag end of the first half, Bangladesh Boys made two raids into Abahani territory and got a good chance for an equaliser but striker Badal Das missed narrowly.

Badal's grounder from edge of the box went out kissing the sidebar after receiving a nice through from midfielder Rubel two minutes before the breather.

The game in the second 45minutes was confined to the midfield with neither side getting any clear chance to Yellow card: Din Moham-

mad and Selim (Bangladesh Boys), and Sergei (Abahani). Abahani will play their last

robin league match against Mohammedan SC on June 14.

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Munna, Mansur, Ali Mansur, Hassan Al Mamun, Igbal (Swapan), Sergei, Vladimir (Mintoo). Joy.

as coach SYDNEY, June 9: Australian

Sheffield Shield state side New South Wales today appointed former Test fast bowler Geoff Lawson as team coach, a NSW cricket association official said. reports Reuter.

NSW hire Lawson

Lawson, 37, a former New South Wales captain and the state's leading wicket-taker replaced Steve Rixon, who left the position at the end of last

New South Wales, who have won the shield 42 times, including fourth titles in the last 10 years, finished fifth in the six-team inter-state competition last season.

Lawson played 47 Tests for Australia between 1980 and 1990 taking 180 wickets, before retiring from first-class cricket three years ago. "There is a verbal agree-

ment but we have yet to finalise details such as the length of the contract," Lawson told Reuters.

Lawson captured 395 wickets in a Sheffield Shield career spanning 115 first-class matches for New South Wales. both state records.

Natore cricket

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, June 9: Evergreen (XI) became champions of the Natore DSA cricket league. They overcame Natore Cricket Clinic by just one wicket in a nail bitting final

Natore Cricket Clinic batted first and were all out for 144 in 33.2 overs.

. Set to score 145 to win. Evergreen reached their target in 34.1 overs. Miju made a match-winning 27 not out which earned him the man-of the-match award.

Later Natore DC Azir Uddin distributed prizes as the chief

Chinese booters shock Sampdoria

BEIJING, June 9: Sampdoria never recovered from con ceding an early goal and miss ing a first half penalty as they went down 3-1 to the Chinese national soccer side on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Midfielder Fan Zhiyi scored with a close-range header inside two minutes following a free kick from Gao Feng. Encouraged by the early

success and by the 80,000 fans in Beijing's Workers' Stadium. the Chinese showed more de termination than the Italian Serie A team. But they were fortunate

after 21 minutes when Sampdoria skipper Roberto Mancini had his penalty saved by the diving Ou Chuliang after he had been fouled. The Chinese side took full

advantages of their escape as

Gao capitalised on poor Samp-

doria defensive play to score a second goal with a close-range 30th minute shot. Four minutes after the break Italian World Cup star

Ricardo Ferri pulled one back for Sampdoria from a free kick. But striker Hao Haidong sealed a Chinese victory and

set off celebrations in the

crowd as he blasted his side's third past Sampdoria goalkeeper Walter Zenga. Sampdoria's Dutch star Ruud Gullit, who joins English Premier League Chelsea after this tour, had an opportunity

the ball high over the bar. "We played a tough match today," Chinese national coach Qi Wusheng was quoted by Xinhua news agency.

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art, forced down to number five from his favoured opening position so he can keep

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Bishop completed

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back Friday when

he destroyed England on the

LATEST

in 18 balls in a devastating

spell which began with two

wickets in his last three balls

Even though Devon Mal-

colm immediately struck for

England, claiming Carl Hooper

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reports Reuter.

on Thursday.



BISHOP... 5 for 32

force it toward midwicket. Instead, he found a leading edge which was taken by Hooper at second slip.

The mext ball Bishop



England skipper Mike Atherton ducks for cover from a Courtney Walsh lifter during the opening day's play of the first Test against West Indies at Headingley on - AFP/UNB photo Thursday.

nings, Brian Lara and Sherwin Campbell had no trouble in reasserting the West Indies' control. The tourists went into lunch at Headingley on 61 for one from only seven overs, with Lara slashing 36 not out and opener Campbell on 25.

England resumed the day at 148 for four, but within half an hour, three wickets to Bishop and one to Curtly Ambrose had them reeling at 158 for eight.

"Phil DeFreitas and Richard Illingworth put together a dogged 41-run stand to push England toward the 200 mark.

In the third over of the day, Mark Ramprakash offered Campbell a straightforward catch in the gully when he cut a Bishop outswinger with little authority when he was on four and the total 151. Bishop struck twice in his

next over with three runs

Gough with a bouncer which he duly hooked into the shovel-like hands of Curtly Ambrose at deep fine leg. Bishop finished with five for 32 off 16 Ambrose then backed up with his first first-class wicket

tempted the impetuous Darren

of the tour when debutant Peter Martin was caught behind by Junior Murray Kenny Benjamin finished

with four victims after closing the England innings with the wickets of DeFreitas for 23 and Malcolm without adding to the score. Bishop bowled with beauti-

ful control and discipline, if not frightening pace throughout the morning. The back injuries which have restricted him to seven

Tests in the last four-and-a-

half years may also have de-

Bishop bowls England over added to the total. Alec Stewprived him of some speed, but he made up for that with the right amount of swing, both in

and away, and a perfect line and length. Despite the early loss of Hooper, caught at first slip by Graham Thorpe, the West Indies assumed complete control of the Test match with Lara looking in ominously crisp

touch. He and Campbell hit Malcolm out of the attack after just two overs, taking him for 24 off the 11 balls he bowled

SCOREBOARD

following Hooper's dismissal.

Scoreboard on the second day of the first cricket Test between England and West Indies at Headingley today:

ENGLAND: First innings

(overnight 148-4)

b Benjamin

R. Smith c Richardson

M. Atherton c Murray b

Bishop G. Hick c Campbell b Benjamin G. Thorpe lbw b Bishop A. Stewart c Hooper b Bishop 2 M. Ramprakash c Campbell b Bishop P. DeFreitas c Murray b K. Benjamin D. Gough c Ambrose b Bishop 0 P. Martin c Murray b Ambrose2 R. Illingworth not out D. Malcolm b K. Benjamin Extras: (b-1, nb-15) Total: (59.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-52: 2-91: 3-142: 4-148: 5-153: 6-154: 7-154: 8-157: 9-199.

India down US

CHANDIGARH, India, June 9: Hosts India beat the United States 3-2 (halftime 1-2) in the Indo-Pan American Friendship Gold Cup hockey tournament today, reports Reufer.

China to demand compensation from Juventus

SHANGHAI, June 9: The Chinese organisers of a match against Juventus next week will demand compensation from the Italian champions for cancelling the contest unilaterally, the Liberation Daily said today, reports Reuter. Juventus had been due to

play the south China team in Hong Kong before facing the Taiyangshen team in the south China city of Guangzhou on June 16.

Juventus cancelled the Last Asian tour, saying they could not bring a full-strength team because of commitments by their international players to games for their countries, the newspaper said

But the Liberation Daily said the Chinese side had already spent a great deal of money preparing for the Guangzhou game, including buying insurance and selling tickets.

The cancellation means losses both in money terms and to the good name of the organisers, who intend to pursue the matter with the international football body FIFA and demand compensation, the newspaper added.

Juventus would have been the third top Italian team to play in China this month. AC Milan beat the Taiyang-

shen team 4-1 in Guangzhou on Wednesday and Sampdoria of Genoa lost to the Chinese national team 1-3 in Beijing on Thursday.

Venables owes Anderton one

Action from vesterday's Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament match between

holders Muktijoddha Krira Sangsad and Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club at the Dhaka



LEEDS. England. June 9: A stunning strike by England's Darren Anderton two mi-

Stadium. The match ended in a goalless draw. "

nutes into extratime sealed a remarkable comeback as the host nation grabbed a 3-3 draw against Sweden in the Umbro Cup match at Elland Road on Thursday, reports AFP.

After 89 minutes, England were 3-1 down and heading for their worst home defeat for 23 years against an undermanned Swedish side that is not even likely to qualify for next summer's European Championship finals.

But Paul Gascoigne, sent into action after the crowd hounded John Barnes into potential international oblivion. set up an unlikely escape.

As chants of "What a load of rubbish" filled the stadium, Gazza bent a free-kick across to the back post for skipper David Platt to head home his 27th international goal.

Moments later Darren Anderton rifled an unstoppable equaliser from the edge of the box from Alan Shearer's flickon that crashed off both posts to preserve the coach Terry Venables' unbeaten record.

The dramatic climax brought to an end a match in which England were impressive coming forward but were diabolical in defence.

If England are entertaining any hopes of winning the tour-

nament when they return to Wembley on Sunday for the greatest test of all against world champions Brazil, then Venables will have to make changes at the back.

If Sáturday's 2-1 win over Japan was feeble, this first venture away from Wembley for 29 years was a defensive disaster for long spells as four mil-Mon-pound Warren Barton at right-back and centre-half Colin Cooper looked out of

their depth. Two goals from Swiss-based Hakan Mild stunned the noisy 32.008 crowd before Teddy Sheringham's first goal for his country threw England a lifeline just before the interval.

whose cross took a deflection

TERRY VENABLES

close range gave Thomas Ravelli, eclipsing Peter Shilton's 125-cap record, no chance. But barely were the crowd

ACROSS 1 Model of But a third from Kennet Andersson 22 second after the break threatened England's first defeat at home since Germany in September 1991 and their worst since Gunter Netzer's West Germans came to Wembley in 1972. Sweden, who finished third in the World Cup were impres-

- Star photo

side without Thern, Limpar, Schwarz, Patrik Andersson, Nilsson or Dahlin. Even at full strength they have struggled, with defeats in Turkey and Hungary and draws away and at home to Cyprus

sively clinical despite fielding a

O Villa Park loss to Brazil. Despite the mass absentee list from Venables squad, this was not far short of his most experienced team. No Rob Jones, Paul Ince or David Batty, but the man they

and Iceland before Sunday's 1-

really missed was Tony Adams as Venables' latest defensive experiment soon went badly wrong. England put themselves back into the match when John Barnes slipped the ball out to Anderton on the left,

ham to bury. His left foot half-volley from

and fell sweetly for Shering-

back in their seats for the second half, when Sweden were 3-1 up.

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CRYPTOQUIP

KEFPPB'K EPPHAOZ GFW XACKG JG KBPZJO: AX KIEEWWM, MPO'G XCT JZJAO. XCT Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU LOSE YOUR SHIRT

GAMBLING, YOU CAN'T BE EATING ON THE CUFF

ANYMORE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals G

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.