SPORTS TALK



Yevgeny Kafelnikov

(Russian tennis star) I don't know - maybe I will be a hero tomorrow when I step into the airport. Or maybe I will be the same person. After winning the French Open on June 9.



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MOSCOW, June 11: Veteran Russian Grand Mster Anatoly Karpov and young challenger Gata Kamsky drew the third of their 20 games in the FIDE Championship on Monday, making the overall score 1-1/2 points each, report agencies.

Both players made their moves quickly at the start of the game, with Karpov playing white, but slowed down as they sought breakthrough towards the middle. A draw was eventually offered by Kamsky after 49 moves Itar-Tass news agency said.

The 45-year-old Karpov won the first match last week but Kamsky, 22, who defected from the Soviet Union to the United States in 1988, drew level at 1-1 on Saturday. The world chess federation

(FIDE) title match is being played in Elista, capital of the semi-autonomous Kalmyk Republic of Russia, between the Black Sea and the Caspian The winner needs 10.5.

points — one point for a victory and half for a draw. If they are level after 40 days and 20 games, the match will continue until one of them wins another game. Victory for either contes-

tant will be tainted by the fact that world number one Garri Kasparov is not challenging because of a split with FIDE.

The fourth game is schedsled for Wednesday at 12 pm

Knight keeps fingers crossed

LONDON, June 11: England opener Nick Knight remained silent about his prospects Monday after fracturing a finger for the second time in 12 days during the first Test victory over India at Edgbaston, reports AFP.

it was revealed on Monday that the little finger of Knight's right hand was cracked when he batted in England's second innings on Saturday against pacemen Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad. The index finger of his left hand was similarly injured against Glamorgan in the Benson and Hedges quarterfinal on May 28.

"We are not sure how long he will be out," said Warwickshire chief executive Dennis Amiss.

"It will be a question of monitoring the comfort factor. Batsmen can play with these injuries, but it all depends on

the degree of pain." The injury means that Knight will certainly miss Warwickshire's Benson and Hedges Cup semifinal against Northamptonshire at Northampton today.

Solid start for France

midfielder Gheorghe Hagi, particularly in the first half, 11: France clea-Romania faded after a bright red their path towards a place in the quarterfinals start They rarely touched the levels they showed in the 1994 when they over-World Cup finals. Dugarry struck, against the came'a spirited ia by the only goal of a

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kicke lifting the gloom

over the future of local soccer,

relations with Malaysian soccer

were soured by the scandal

over bribery from illegal

bettirg the S-League organi-

sers are now considering using

the proceeds of gambling to

help land their new eight-club

from parliamentarian Ramas-

wamy sinnakuruppan, who

says: Legalised betting is a

neces sary evil to pre-empt

Minis et Lee Hsien Loong says

that while gambling is "an

emotional issue" and will have

to be didied carefully, it could

be on : way of raising funds to

promote soccer. After all,

gambing is "a reality,

partic lerly in Chinese society.

without somebody having a bit

of a vager on the side?" he

The trouble in the

Malay in League was that it

was not a "bit of a wager", but

fixing of everything from the

first comjer-kick of a match to

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BIRMINGHAM

June 11: Under-

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run of play, when Yuri Djorkaeff collected a ball on the right and flighted a deep cross towards the penalty spot. The long-haired Frenchman rose above Romania's on

rushing goalkeeper Bogdan Stelea and two defenders to send a looping header bouncing into the net. Dugarry's goal was his second in 12 appearances for France and settled them after Romania, inspired by Hagi and

veteran winger Marius Lactus, had threatened in the first 20 minutes. Hagi had five shots but tired as France gradually took a stranglehold on midfield.

Lactus, fast and skilful, was fouled twice in the opening minute and prompted the first caution of the game when he was chopped down by Eric di Meco.

Referee Helmut Krug of Germany later showed his yellow card to two Romanians. Gheorghe Mihali and Tibor Selymes, for fouls on Dugarry and Youri Djorkaeff respectively.

Djorkaeff, elusive, skilful and dangerous, almost scored

acots defy Dutch storm

Witschge constantly prompting

the bar when he might have

scored as early as the seventh

minute and then Bergkamp

missed a great chance in the

19th minute, nodding a

through ball from Edgar Davids

past Andy Goram to leave the

ball and missed his chance to

turn it into an empty net.

But Bergkamp overran the

It took Scotland a while to

realise they could play the ball

into the Dutch half but once

they did they saw that their

opponents defence without

Blind and De Boer looked vul-

Scotland captain Gary

The Scots twice scrambled

McAllister twice forced Ajax

goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar

to good saves in the first half.

shots from Bergkamp and

Witschge off the goal-line be

fore the interval and lived

through some anxious mo-

Clarence Seedorf should

have put the Dutch ahead in

the 53rd minute but he

headed Gaston Taument's

cross down and the ball

vain for a penalty when he ap-

peared to be tripped by

Stewart McKimmie as he

dribbled into the goal area in

Jordi Cruyii appealed in

ments after the break.

bounced over the bar.

Scotland goalkeeper stranded.

Gaston Taument blazed over

from midfield

nerable

for France before Dugarry's goal. His perfectly-struck volley, as he fell, was seized by the shaven-headed Stelea who looked less than secure at time in Romania's goal.

The celebrated new French attacking pairing of Djorkaeff and Zinedine Zidane were closely marked and had few

opportunities to shine. But a brilliant combination in the second half, when Zidane narrowly failed to reach a cross from Djorkaeff, hinted at their potential to inflict damage in future games.

TEAMS

France: 1-Bernard Lama; 5 Laurent Blanc, 15-Lilian Thuram. 8-Marcel Desailly: 3-Eric Di Meco (12-Bixente Lizarazu 68); 6-Vincent Geurin: 7-Didier Deschamps. 19-Christian Karembeu; 9 Youri Djorkaeff: 10-Zinedine Zidane (20-Alain Roche 80) 13-Christophe Dugarry (11-Patric Loko 68)

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had another good chance

which he hit just wide five

but the hard work of

McAllister in midfield and the

subtle ball skills of John

Collins were not enough to

stretch the opposition unduly.

said his team should have had

a penalty in the seventh

minute when he claimed a

Scottish defender handled the

referee was in a very bad post-

much better than the opening

match [1-1 between England

and Switzerland). Unfor-

tunately, we didn't score in the

first few minutes when we

tion to see it." he said.

"It was a handball but the

'It was a 0-0 draw but it was

Dutch trainer Guus Hiddink

Scotland attacked fitfully

minutes from time

ball in the box.

dominated fully.

England's Kiwi tour itinerary LONDON, June 11: England

this report last night.

second spot.

will play three Test matches and five one-day internationals on their 1997 tour of New Zealand, reports Reuter.

runner-up

Sports Reporter

The schedule opens on January 10 with a one-day warm-up match followed by two four-day games before the opening Test in Auckland on January 24.

A four-day match against New Zealand A 15 followed by the remaining Tests in Wellington and Christchurch at the start of February. The oneday series rounds off the tour. with the last game on March 4

SCHEDULE Jan 10 - v NZ Academy XI, New Plymouth

Jan 13-16 - v NZ Selection XI. Palverston North. Jan 18-21 - v Northern Districts, Hamilton

Auckland Jan 30 Feb 2 - v New Zealand A. Wanganut Feb 6-10 — second Test,

Wellington Feb 14-18 - Third Test, Christchurch Feb 20 - First one-day in-

ternational (day/night). Christchurch Feb 23 — Second one day international. Auckland.

Feb 26 - Third one-day international (day/night), Napier, Mar 1 — Fourth one day in-

ternational, Auckland. Mar 4 - fifth one-day international, Wellington.

Zealand's women cricketers are faced with the worry of two players "quarantined" with chicken pox ahead of Thursday's first one-day international against England at Lord's, reports AFP.

their games so far with ease. Nevertheless, with their one-day international on the horizon, they cannot afford any further infections in the team.

has a lot to do with the moral

of the players, but we also

need strong support from



French defender Christian Karembeu and Romanian forward Dorinel Munteanu tussle for the ball during their Euro '96 Group B engagement at St James Park, Newcastle on June 10. France won 1-0.

Hiddink riding higher But I must also be happy with

BIRMINGHAM England, June 11. Despite the shock of failing to beat lowly Scot-

land. Dutch manager Guus Hiddink is still confident of going home with the European Championship trophy, reports AFP. For although Holland failed

to score they created enough chances to show that they are a threat to any team in the competition While the Dutch clearly missed their central defenders

Danny Blind (suspended), and Frank de Boer (injury) Hiddink was satisfied We dominated for long pe-

riods, but just didn't manage to get the goal we needed," said

I must took upon it as two points lost as we had enough possession and chances to win.

the way we performed as a "If we can continue to play

like that we will make our mark with the level of football needed to win the championship," he added.

Right winger Gaston Taument's sheer pace exposed the fact that Tom Boyd is now more of a central defender than a left back, and when Taument went off just after the hour mark it offered teenage strike sensation Patrick Kluivert the chance to prove he is nearing full fitness.

It was, as Hiddink suggested, two gears higher than the less-than-enthralling spectacle on display at Wembley on Saturday between England and Switzerland.

The Dutch only lacked the finishing touches to add the proper gloss to a sometimes

But Hiddink knows that his side's draw has blow Group A wide open - with all four teams on one point each.

Every game is a cup final now," said Hiddink, who will have skipper Danny Blind and possibly Kluivert back in the starting line-up against the Swiss at the same ground on Thursday.

"We know it is normal in a tournament for it to be rather dough at the start, and we're all still level

But while the Scottish played with a lot of passion, as I'm sure England will also do when we play them, they were out of the game and just hanging on the final 30 minutes.

The only thing we didn't do was score a goal. We think we will do so in the games to

Russians hit the roof dragged its feet over issuing LIVERPOOL, June 11. A small con-



tingent of hardy Russian soccer lans arrived in Liverpool on

Tuesday and im mediately blasted British bureaucrats for ruining what should have been the occasion of a lifetime, reports Reuter.

The supporters raged about the British embassy in Moscow, which did not issue visas to hundreds of Russian supporters who had already bought expensive tickets for their team's three Euro '96 games in Group C.

"Why on earth did England agree to host the Championship if all it wanted to do was turn away foreign fans?" demanded Vladimir Modelevsky, who managed to bring with him just three of the original 35 fans in his tour

we wanted to do was watch the soccer, but they treated us like criminals." Modelevsky and about 20

other fans spoke as they waited to board the Russian cruise liner Astra, which will offer cheap accommodation during the tournament.

There were supposed to be more than 300 on that ship and we'll have just over 100," he said, waving a thick block of tickets belonging to the fans stranded in Russia.

"This is barbarious. They sold us the tickets, didn't let most of our group in and now we can't sell them. If we do we'll be arrested," he said. The practice of reselling match tickets, or touting is an offence in Britain. "You live in the past here.

How can people live worse than they do in this country?" The fans complained that the Moscow embassy had

visas taking up to six weeks to decide who should be allowed

But British officials, wary of the mushrooming organised crime in Eastern Europe, insist they have to verify that all

Romario vying for Valencia?

VALENCIA, Spain, June 11. Brazilian World Cup striker Romario is heading back to Spain following a year at home and has provisionally signed for First Division Valencia, club chairman Francisco Roig said. reports Reuter.

Romario, who left Barcelona in 1995 complaining of homesickness to play for Flamengo. was reportedly unhappy about sharing the limelight at the Rio club with striking partner Bebeto, who has just returned to Brazil from Spain. "We have signed a contract

and on January 1, come what may, he will come to Valencia," Roig said after returning from "He wants to be Brazil's

striker at the 1998 World Cup in France and will take the next two seasons very seri-

ously. He's very excited." Spanish news agency EFE said Romario would be paid around 8 million dollars over

the two years. Because of a deal Romario agreed with Barcelona, Valencia will have to pay the Cata-

lans 7 million dollars if he signs a full contract before December 31, 1996, when his obligations to Barcelona end. But Roig said he would ne-

gotiate for the striker to play from as early as next month for Valencia, runners-up in the Spanish league last season.

visitors have a bonafide reason

for wanting to go Britain. "We have lost a fortune because of these bastards." shouted one red-faced fan who would only identify himself as

If this had happened in Russia we would have known how to deal with these people, we've been to Italy and the United States and we had no problems there whatsoever."

Most of the fans stood around disconsolately looking out at the rain lashing the dark, deserted Liverpool docks.

"If we wanted to defect we certainly wouldn't try to come here, that's for sure." Muttered Andrei, trying to gain some warmth from a large, scarf bearing the colours of Russian Premier division club Zenit St Petersburg.

Don't worry, boys," said one fan, artfully paraphrasing former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, architect of the Perestroika reforms which transformed the communist superpower.

Larry's final punch at glory

BAY ST LOUIS, Mississippi June 11: Larry Holmes, who held the heavyweight title for more than seven years, is stepping back into the ring for what he says will be the final bout of his 23-year career when he faces Anthony Willis here Sunday, reports AFP.

The 46-year-old Holmes, who has a record of 64 wins against five defeats with 41 knockouts, captured the heavyweight title at age 28 by defeating Ken Norton.

He compiled a record 15 knockouts in title defences from 1978 until 1985.

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CRYPTOQUIP QWKZG-SQGOHSKZY KRHZW

SQTXY RBOZ NZSQNY SQXXZSKHQG Saturday's Cryptoquip: ENIGMATIC CHARAC-

TER IN THE MINISTER'S NOVEL IS BELIEVED TO BE HIS ALTAR EGO. Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals C

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.

proceeds of gambling.

Si papore's soccer officials have worked hard to revive the local game after a damaging bribery and illegalbeiting scandal. Now, reports Gemini News Service, they are considering funding a new league ... from the

matches. However, many fingers were pointed at Singapore,

millions of dollars were bet on the island every time the state . side, the Lions, played a Malaysian team in the 1994

Cup Final victory was fixed. received bribes of up to

and erstwhile Lions' hero Abbas Saad was convicted last year of being part of a conspiracy to fix results and was fined 50,000 Singapore dollars. Czech player Michael Vana was also allegedly implicated, but jumped bail and left the republic.

"But every true fan wanted the game back. National pride demanded that football be returned to the people. Now (with the founding of the S-League), I have no doubt that Singapore's football spirit has been rekindled and will never be allowed to die.

Tong and a 50,000-strong crowd saw the Lions win 5-4.

fireworks and a parachute exhibition raising the curtain on a friendly game against the That national side. Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok

fans will be sufficient to sustain the new league. Deputy Prime Minister Lee, son of Singapore's elder statesman and Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew, says: "When we played against (the Malaysian states of) Pahang or Selangor or Perak there was a certain national pride at stake. With the (domestic) S-League, it's Kwek adds: "Support is a

remain anonymous said: "All the effort (of setting up the S-League) would go to waste if players answer to their illegal bosses" - a reference to the bookmakers who control certain players.

problem, for instance.

goes on." - Gemini News

"So far some local blue-chip companies, such as Pepsico Asia-Pacific Breweries and Singapore Pools, have been generous with funds to start the league, but more money

sponsors.

will be required." Sinnakuruppan's gaming plan would involve extending the current legal betting on horse racing to soccer, with a portion of the proceeds invested in the game.

Backers of the idea include S-League legal adviser Ramanath Palakrishnam, who says: "Legalised betting would chase away the bookies and persons who organise matches." But he concedes: "We're an Asian country with an Asian culture, and certain sensitivities are involved. Islamic opposition to gambling could pose

Peter Velappan, general secretary of the Asian Football Confederation, is confident the S-League will succeed - with or without support from gambling. However, others are sceptical One manager who wished to

Legal expert Walter Woon said: "Legal or illegal, people wills till try to fix matches. You have legal betting on horse

Kuala Lumpur.

Jan 24-28 - First Test, Hiddink.

trouble

LONDON, June 11: New

Spin bowler Clare Nicholson and Katrina Withers were forced to stay in isolation away from the New Zealanders' base in the leafy north London suburb of Hampstead after they came down with the virus when the team arrived on June

New Zealand have won both

hardl lave expected as much Calderwood, Collin Hendry, after lesing their last three Water Development Board at Tommy Boyd, Stuart McCall, frienches in the build-up to the volleyball court of Dhaka Gary McAllister, John Collins, the Campionship. Stadium yesterday. Kevin Gallacher (Billy McKinlay If the match was goalless, it In the day's lone encounter, 56 min). Scott Booth [John the policemen faced hardly any Spencer 46 min), Gordon Durie.

was far from lifeless. The Dutcl set the tone by surging forward from the start with Rona d de Boer and Richard WDB side.

Johan de Kock, Winston Nat'l Bank Bogarde, Edgar Davids, Ronald de Boer (Aron Winter, 68 volleyball minl. Clarence Seedorf. Richard Witschge (Philip Cocu.

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Police AC posted victory in the ongoing National Bank Premier Division volleyball league with a straights set (3-0) win over

trouble to wrap the match up 15-2, 15-11, 15-6 against the

It was a pity in the end that we didn't manage to score, but playing like that, we're making a mark for the level of football in the tourna-The Dutch need to show

better marksmanship in their next game against the Swiss in Birmingham on Thursday, Scotland meet England at Wembley on Saturday in what will be a crucial match for TEAMS **NETHERLANDS**: Edwin van der Sar, Michael Reiziger,

(Patrick Kluivert, 63 min). Jordi Cruyff, Dennis Bergkamp, SCOTLAND: Andy Goram, Stewart McKimmie (Craig Burley, 85 min), Colin

78 min). Taston Taument

Referee: Leif Sundell

Kiwi eves in

Island state in a league of its own

Singaporeans By Bob Holmes from Singapore have again proved

which was seen as the fulcrum of the betting industry that brought the game in south-east Asia to its knees. Malaysian police intelligence estimated that

There were even allegations that the Lions' 1994 Malaysia In some matches, players

80,000 Malaysian ringgit. Lebanese-born Australian

S-League chairman Kwek Leng Joo says: "Our decision to withdraw from the M-League was a difficult one for those involved and a sad one for every single football fan in Singapore. Many wondered whatever would become of Singapore football.

The business community has put \$\$10 million sponsorship behind the eightclub league. It was launched amid razzmatazz, with



The big question is whether the level of support from the not quite the same."

racing, but flxing of races still About the Author: Bob Holmes is a freelance writer crucial ingredient for the and sports journalist based in success of any soccer league. It

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