

Sport

Glamorgan tail saves the day

LONDON, Aug 13: Glamorgan's last wicket pair of Colin Metson and Neil Kendrick survived the final eight deliveries at Swansea to thwart Leicestershire's attempt to go back to the top of the English County Championship table on Monday, reports Reuter.

Set to score 335, Glamorgan finished on 299 for nine, a position that seemed way beyond them when they looked like having to follow-on on Friday evening.

They at least avoided that indignity, but with the wicket taking spin and Leicestershire having three slow bowlers in their ranks the away side appeared to hold the initiative.

But a century from Hugh Morris and some solid support from Matthew Maynard and Ottis Gibson tilted the balance before Darren Thomas became the seventh wicket to fall with the total on 280.

Morris reached his fourth first class century of the season off 189 balls in 226 minutes with 17 boundaries before falling leg before to Adrian Pierse for 106.

The dismissal of Gibson, bowled by Greg MacMillan for 42, left Metson and Kendrick in charge of Glamorgan's fate, in spite of up to nine fielders around the bat, the Welsh side survived for their three bonus points.

Leicestershire are second in the table on 191, one behind Surrey and three ahead of Essex.

Derbyshire have moved up to fifth on 185, after a 47-run victory over Sussex at Hove.

England Test reject Devon Malcolm, who now boasts 61 championship wickets this season, claimed impressive match figures of 10 for 215.

He followed his first innings haul of five for 119 with another five for 96 as Sussex, chasing a target of 276 were dismissed for 228 shortly after lunch.

Champions Warwickshire enjoyed a massive 282 run victory over Durham.

Keegan tries to balance the books

NEwCASTLE, England, Aug 13: Big-spending Newcastle's manager Kevin Keegan started to recoup some of the 15 million pounds spent on Alan Shearer by selling midfielder Robbie Elliott to Blackburn Rovers today, reports AFP.

Elliott has agreed terms with Rovers but his transfer fee is likely to be settled by a tribunal after the clubs failed to agree on a fee.

Subject to a medical, the 22-year-old Geordie will sign for Blackburn in time for Saturday's premiership opener with Spurs at Ewood Park.

Nottingham Forest, Liverpool, and Arsenal have all been linked with Elliott who has been out of contract at Newcastle this summer, but all were put off by the asking prices.

The player is the first to sold by Newcastle since the record-breaking purchase of Shearer and the club will be looking to receive more than three million pounds for the youngster.

Unusual terms!

AVELLINGO, Italy, Aug 13: An Argentine striker hoping to join Italian Serie B soccer club Avellino was told he must get a haircut before terms could be discussed, reports Reuter.

"First get your hair cut, then we'll talk about tests and fees. We've never had room for people with long hair at Avellino," club president Antonio Sibilia told 26-year-old striker Leonardo Ricatti when he arrived on Sunday.

He gave the player a day to get himself in order."

Ricatti greeted Sibilia's order with a smile, without indicating whether he would comply.

The striker formerly of Argentine clubs Boca Juniors and San Lorenzo, had been recommended to the southern Italian club by compatriot and former Avellino player Ramon Diaz.

WTA's rankings

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Aug 13 (Reuter): Leading women's rankings as issued by the WTA Tour:

- Monica Seles (U.S.)
- Steffi Graf (Germany)
- Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (Spain)
- Conchita Martinez (Spain)
- Iva Majoli (Croatia)
- Anke Huber (Germany)
- Jana Novotna (Czech Republic)
- Mary Joe Fernandez (U.S.)
- Helena Sukova (Czech Republic)
- Chanda Rubin (U.S.)
- Lindsay Davenport (U.S.)
- Magdalena Maleeva (Bulgaria)
- Mary Pierce (France)
- Brenda Schutz McCarty (Netherlands)
- Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)
- Barbara Paulus (Austria)
- Amanda Coetzer (South Africa)
- Martina Hingis (Switzerland)
- Meredith McGrath (U.S.)
- Julie Hazzard Dacugis (France)
- Irinia Spirala (Romania)

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Nadeem Shahid, the Surrey middle-order bat dispatches a loose delivery from Stuart Law for a four during his side's Nat West Trophy semifinal clash against Essex at The Oval yesterday.

— AFP/UNB photo

Atherton's moment of joy



LEEDS, England, Aug 13: Pakistan maintained their 1-0 series lead over England as the second cricket Test ended in a draw at Headingley on Monday.

Pakistan eventually reached 242 for seven declared with Inzamamul-Haq calming the tourists' morning nerves with an aggressive 65.

At 34 for two and then again at 142 for four which was an overall lead of just 89 — England had faint hopes of pulling off a win, but Ijaz Ahmed (52) and Asif Muttaba (26) snuffed them out.

Mike Atherton the England captain, helped to pass the last half hour by unveiling his leg breaks for the first time in a Test since 1991.

To his joy he won an lbw verdict against close friend and opposite number Wasim Akram with his 14th delivery.

England now go to the final Test at The Oval next week needing to win it to level the three-match series.

Atherton, who had a Test bowling average of 282 coming into the match, claimed Wasim's wicket for seven to finish with one for 20 from seven overs.

"I came out to bowl thinking

I might get my average over the 300 mark but Wasim spoilt the script," joked Atherton. "I think Wasim read it was a googly."

Wasim said: "I have got him out enough times but I'm going

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SCORE BOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the second Test between England and Pakistan at Headingley on Monday.

PAKISTAN: First innings 448 (Ijaz Ahmed 141, Moin Khan 105, Salim Malik 55, Asif Muttaba 51)

ENGLAND: First innings 501 (A. Stewart 170, N. Knight 113, J. Crawley 53)

PAKISTAN: Second innings

Saeed Anwar c Russell b Cork 22
Shadab Kabir c and b Lewis 2
Ijaz Ahmed c Russell b Caddick 52
Inzamamul Haq c Stewart b Caddick 65
Salim Malik c Cork b Caddick 6
Asif Muttaba run out 26
Wasim Akram lbw b Atherton 7
Moin Khan not out 30
Mustaq Ahmed not out 6
Extras: (b-4, lb-12, nb-10) 26
Total: (for seven wickets declared) 242

Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-34; 3-132; 4-142; 5-188; 6-201; 7-221

Bowling O M R W

Mullally 15 2 43 0

Lewis 16 3 52 1

Caddick 17 4 52 3

Cork 16 2 49 1

Thorpe 10 3 10 0

Atherton 7 1 20 1

Result: Match drawn.

First Test (Lord's): Pakistan won by 164 runs.

Third Test, The Oval, August 22-26.

Pakistan lead 1-0 in the three-match series.

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