

England take away Texaco Trophy
Atherton turns up with ton



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ATHERTON ... m-o-m Skipper Mike Atherton was the hero hitting a superb unbeaten 113 as England overhauled Australia's total of 249 for six with 10 balls to spare. The triumph gives England an unassailable 2-0 lead going into the third and final game at Lord's today and follows their emphatic six-wicket success at Headingley on Thursday. Man-of-the-match Atherton was ably assisted by Headingley hero Adam Hollis who hit his second consecutive half-century and clubbed the winning runs with two consecutive fours. England got off to a flying start following the early departure of Nick Knight for four as Atherton and Alex Stewart (40) put on 71 for the second wicket. The match was evenly balanced after Australia had removed Graham Thorpe for seven and then Graham Lloyd for 22 to leave England wobbling at 158 for four. But the arrival of Melbourne-born Hollis (53 n.o.) provided Atherton with a partner prepared to take the fight to the tourists and together they put on 95 to guide England to an ultimately comfortable win. Australian captain Mark Taylor, whose poor form con-

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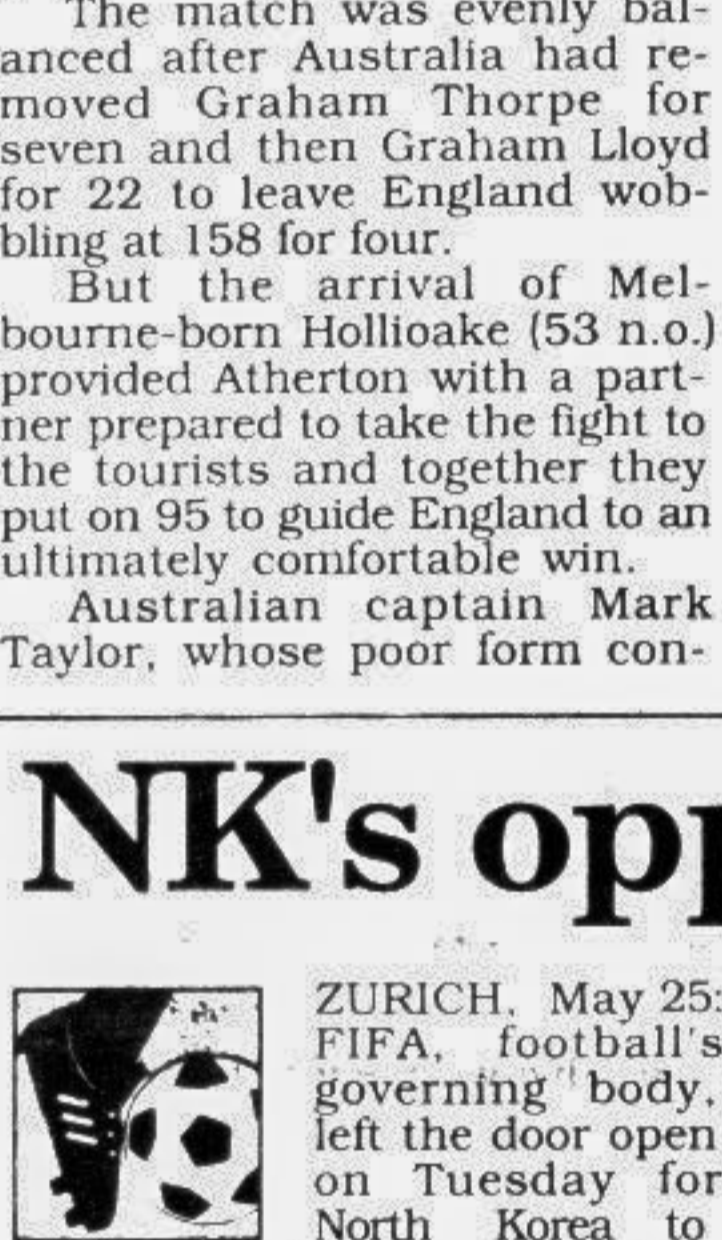
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SPORTS TALK



Brian Charles Lara (West Indies batting maestro) 'I never set out to score 375. It just happened. ... I don't think I have changed my game in any way. Of course, I haven't produced another 375 or 501 but I wouldn't say it is impossible.'

McRae & co on the attack

After eight of the 23 special Stages on the Rally of Argentina, 555 Subaru World Rally Team driver, Colin McRae, is lying in second position, poised to overhaul overnight leader, Tommi Makinen, on today's second leg. Teammate, Kenneth Eriksson, has maintained a steady pace yesterday to bring the second Subaru Impreza 555 back to Cordoba in sixth position, says a press release. McRae started the day on a charge, setting fastest time on the opening stage with Carlos Salzin and Juba Kankkunen, who is making his debut in the Escort World Rally Car in Argentina. However loose sand on the following two stages slowed up the Scot, losing him time to current World Champion, Tommi Makinen. Despite dropping to fifth, a mere 5 seconds was all that separated Colin from the number one slot, again demonstrating how nail-bitingly close this year's World Rally Championship is proving to be. However, on the closing three stages of the day Colin dominated, setting fastest times on each to close the gap to 8 seconds as the crews arrived back in Cordoba. Swedish teammate, Kenneth Eriksson — who has not competed in this year's championship since the Rally of Portugal in March — has had a frustrating day, unable to get into a following rhythm. Today's second leg of the Rally of Argentina starts for a further 10 Special Stages covering 181 competitive kilometres west of Cordoba. Stage 15 — a 22 km section near Mina Clavero — is reported to be the roughest of the rally, and could well see a turn of fortune for any of the crews.



Czech Jana Novotna (R) and Monica Seles of the United States stand together with their prizes after the Madrid Open final on Saturday. Novotna won 7-5, 6-1. — AFP/UNB photo

Durjoy honoured Manikganj Association accorded a warm reception to ICC Trophy champion cricketer Naimur Rahman Durjoy on Saturday, reports UNB. State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader attended the function at Shilpakala Academy auditorium here as chief guest.

England 170/2 after 30 overs

Sports Reporter England were on course to sweep the three-match Texaco Trophy one-dayers, according to BBC last night. In the third and final game at The Oval, the hosts chasing 270 for victory were 170 for two after 30 overs.

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Scorecard of Australian innings from the third and final Texaco Trophy one-day international between England and Australia at Lord's Sunday: AUSTRALIA M. Elliott c A Hollis b Gough 1 M Waugh lbw Gough 95 S. Waugh c Thorpe b Gough 17 M. Veian c sub b Gough 8 J. Langer run out 29 A. Gilchrist lbw b Ealham 33 I. Healy c Lloyd b Croft 27 S. Warne c Stewart b Ealham 5 M. Kasparovic not out 28 J. Gillespie c Thorpe b Gough 6 G. McGrath st Stewart b A Hollis 1 Extras: (b-2, lb-10, w-5, nb-2) 19 Total (fall out in 49.2 overs) 269 Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-52; 3-63 4-142; 5-184; 6-218; 7-228; 8-242; 9-268.



Sri Lankan opener Sanath Jayasuriya (L) waits with bated breath to see whether the ball has cleared the boundary or not during the first final of the Independence Cup four-nation tournament in Mohali on Saturday. Pakistan's Mohammed Hussain (R) and wicketkeeper Moin Khan also look on.

Arjuna admires their batting MOHALI, May 25: Victorious Sri Lanka skipper Arjuna Ranatunga today said his team's good batting enabled it to amass 339 runs in the first Pepsi Independence Cup final against Pakistan at the PCA Stadium here tonight, reports PTI. Giving due credit to the Pakistani bowlers, Ranatunga said the huge score was "not due to bad bowling." Our boys batted well, Sanath Jayasuriya gave a good start for the team," he told newsmen after the 115-run thumping win over Pakistan in the first final. "When Pakistan commenced batting it looked as a good start. But when wickets fell quickly the game changed in our favour," he added. Asked whether injuries to Inzamam ul Haq and Abdul Razaq made Pakistan's target difficult, Ranatunga said "Pakistan have a strong batting line-up." Commenting on the quick fall of Pakistani wickets, the Sri Lankan captain said, "When one chases 340 runs, risk has to be taken." The Pakistan team coach Mushtaq Mohammad said that it was disappointing to lose. "We did not play good cricket. We missed a lot of catches." He, however, acknowledged Sri Lanka's overall superiority and said "credit to them (Sri Lankans) for their good batting." He said the dust storm which swept across the match venue for about 90 minutes at the start of the match also made the situation difficult for Pakistan.

Jayasuriya enters 3000-club Pakistanis stoop to SL

MOHALI, May 25: With Inzamam injured, once Ijaz Ahmed was dismissed for 23, all Pakistan's big hitters were gone. Ramiz Raja and Salim Malik put on a brisk 56 runs off 60 balls and Moin Khan made a valiant 57 not out, but in the face of Sri Lanka's massive total it was always a lost cause. Jayasuriya completed 3,000 runs in 123 innings in 131 one-day internationals during the course of his dashing innings which contained 12 boundaries and a six. He was dropped twice, on five and 58. Jayasuriya was finally caught by substitute Mohammed Wasim at deep mid-off, attempting a second six in one over off left-arm spinner Mohammed Hussain. De Silva, who hit 10 fours and a six, added 153 off 130 balls for the third wicket with Ranatunga whose 70-ball innings included a delightful array of wristy strokes and glances. De Silva and Ranatunga were both stumped by Moin Khan off Saqlain Maistiq almost at the end of their 50 overs. Ranatunga said he expected tough competition from Pakistan in the remaining matches. "Pakistan are a very good batting side," he said. The second match in the final series is on Tuesday in Calcutta. "It was a very good batting track and all the top-order batted very well," said Ranatunga. In contrast Pakistan lost four wickets with only 85 on the board amid some tight findings

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Foreign hockey refs due in June

Three foreign referees will arrive here in the first week of June to conduct some vital matches of the ongoing Green Delta Insurance hockey league, reports UNB. Of them, Indian referees Krishnamurti and Shakil Ahmed Koheshi are expected to arrive in the city on June 3 while Pakistani Masudur Rahman on June 6.

TT coaching camp

A four-week table tennis coaching, open to all, under the supervision of North Korean trainer Kim Jong Man will begin on June 1 at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium, reports UNB. Interested participants are requested to report on May 31 at the gymnasium at 6 pm.

AFC suspends 2 Iranian players

KUALA LUMPUR, May 25: The Asian Football Confederation said Sunday it has suspended two Iranian club players for a year for drug offenses committed during the 16th Asian Club Championship in March, reports AP. Farshad Falah and Naem Saabavi from club Piruz FC tested positive for the drug nandrolone, an anabolic agent and steroid on the list of drugs banned by FIFA, soccer's world governing body. AFC is the governing body for soccer in Asia. Its secretary-general, Peter Velappan, told reporters the club was fined 3,000 dollars for negligence of responsibility. After random testing, samples from six players were sent to a laboratory in Lausanne. The two players were granted a second doping test on April 7 in the presence of the club's team doctor, Khosrov Khorram, and again they tested positive. Velappan said he was disappointed with the Iranian players and added the AFC would do everything it could to eradicate the drug problem. The Iranian case came after three Saudi Arabian players tested positive for steroids during the Asian Cup Championship last December. In the case of the Saudis, the AFC could not take firm action because of discrepancies in the execution of the doping control, Velappan said.

Antlers back atop J-League

TOKYO, May 25: Brazilian midfielder Bismarck scored two goals and set up two others on Saturday to help Kashima Antlers thrash Kyoto 4-0 at home and reclaim the J-League lead, reports Reuter. The sure-footed Bismarck easily put away goals in the 14th and 80th minutes on a rain soaked pitch as the Antlers overhauled idle Kashiwa to go one point clear atop the 17 club table with seven rounds left. Brazilian Mazinho and defender Yutaka Akita, helped by lead-up work from Bismarck, scored the other goals for the defending league champions, who retook the lead they gave up with a shock 4-0 loss to Kashiwa on May 3. Japanese international midfielder Motohiro Yamaguchi headed home a last-minute winner, his first goal of the season, to give the Yokohama Flügels a 2-1 victory over Gamba Osaka at Toyama. The loss dimmed Gamba's title hopes already suffering under tight marking against high-scoring Cameroon forward Patrick Mboma. Yokohama Marinos won 3-1 at bottom-placed Fukuoka. Dutchman Peter Bosz blasted home a sudden-death goal to earn Ichihara two points with a 3-2 extra-time win over lowly host Vissel Kobe, while Australian international Graham Arnold's goal led Shimizu to a 1-0 win at Matsuyama in a battle of mid-table sides.

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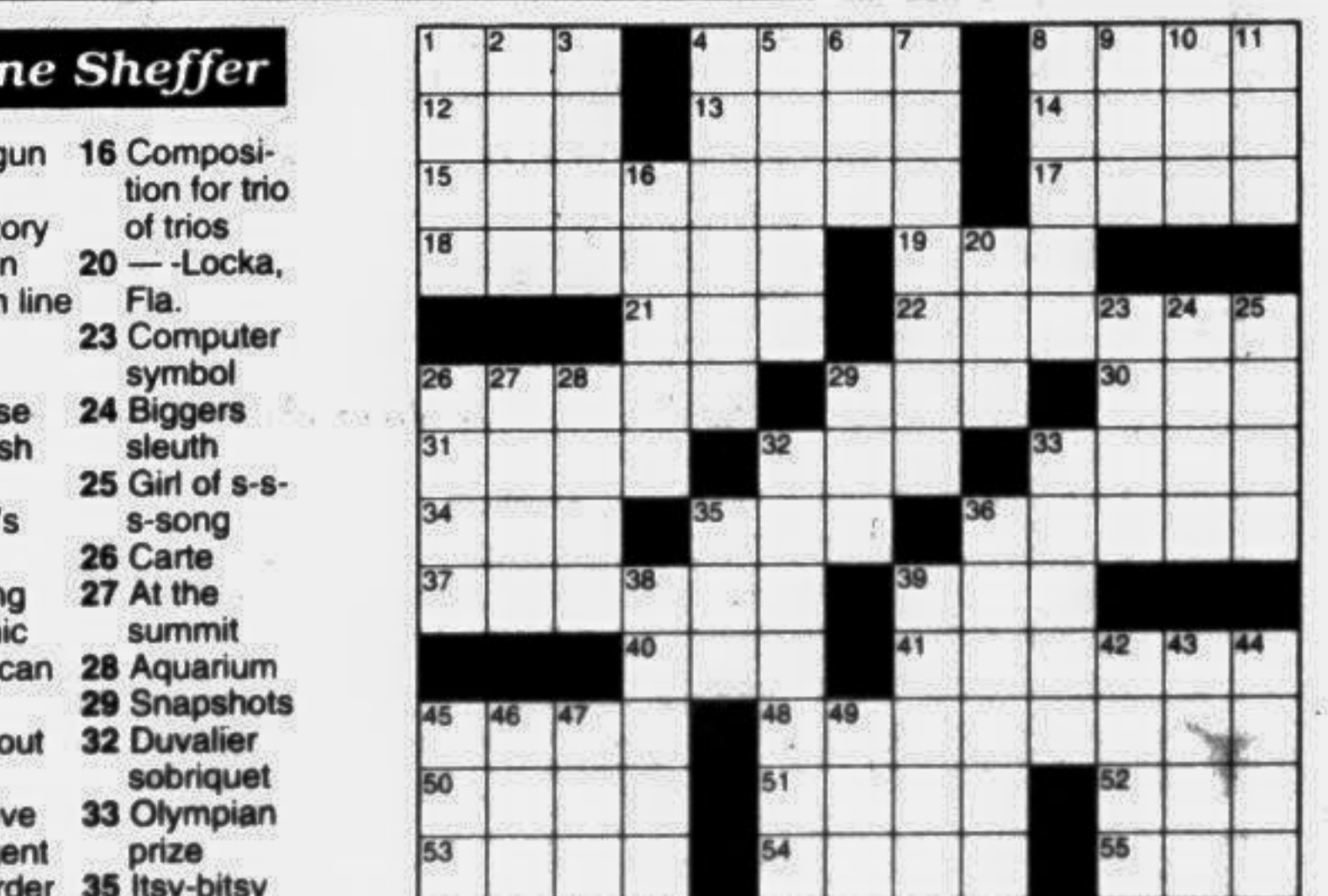
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The members of the victorious BDR team, who won the National Bank Premier Division volleyball league title defeating Titas Club by 3-1 sets at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. This is for the third consecutive occasion BDR won the coveted title.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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