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| 2 | Who won the European Cup football title? | Borussia | Bayer | Juventus |
| 3 | How many fours did Saeed Anwar clout in his record one-day innings of 194? | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 4 | Who was adjudged man-of-the-series in the Independence Cup? | De Silva | Jayasuriya | Aaqub |
| 5 | Who became champion in the 23rd national chess tournament? | Rakib | Lovlu | Rajib |

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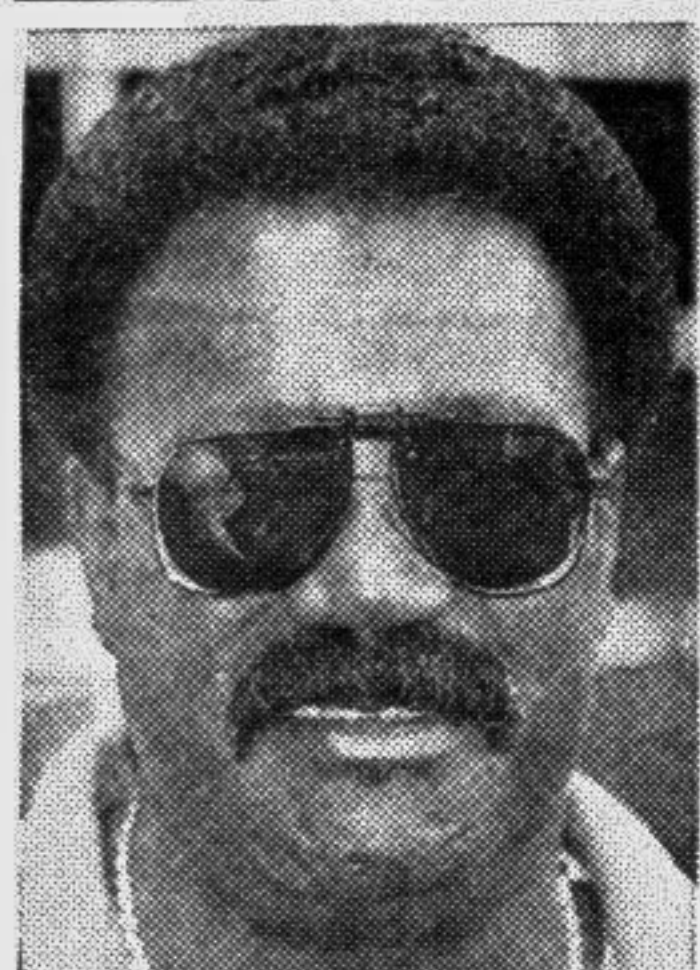
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SPORTS TALK



Clive Lloyd

(West Indies coach and former champion captain)

"We have to take cricket to a lot more countries for the game to survive... We have to think of which country or countries can, in the next five years, join the Test arena. That gives the younger nations some impetus really."

Disappointing day
for McRae & co

The 555 Subaru World Rally Team have never led the Rally of Greece and, true to the history books, both Colin McRae and Kenneth Eriksson took their turn at the head of the leaderboard on the opening Leg of one of the most punishing rallies in the World Championship. However, Colin—who had his sights set firmly on a second successive victory—was forced into a disappointing and premature retirement on only the second stage when the steering broke on the Subaru Impreza 555 WRC 97. And, teammate, Kenneth lost the lead on Special Stage 6, lucky to escape from a high-speed roll in the second Impreza, says a press release.



Kenneth Eriksson and Staffan Parmander started the day on winning form, only 1 second adrift after the opening stage and jumped into the lead on Special Stage 3 when the combination of confidence and Pirelli tyres came into their own.

Teammate, Colin McRae, cruised into the lead on the opening stage today, setting equal fastest time with former teammate and Ford driver, Carlos Sainz. However, the notoriously rough and punishing stages took McRae and co-driver, Nick Grist, as prisoners on the second 23 km stage when they clipped a bank.

Swiss support
2006 Games bid

SION, Switzerland, June 9: Voters in the southern Alpine state of Valais voted Sunday to back a new bid to host the winter Olympic Games, this time in 2006, reports AP.

Sino tied for second place behind Salt Lake City two years ago in the campaign to host the 2002 Olympics.

Area residents voted 62,419 to 30,635 Sunday to support a beefed-up offer for the new round. The International Olympic Committee is to choose the winning site in 1999.

Swiss planners have increased to 160 million Swiss francs (114 million dollars) the amount that would be spent on sites for the games. That is an increase from the 75 million francs (54 million dollars) offered in the bidding for 2002.



IT'S PARTY TIME: England skipper Mike Atherton (C) and his delirious mates celebrating a rare Test victory against Australia on Sunday. England won the first of the six-Test Ashes series by nine wicket at Edgbaston. — AFP/UNB photo

England win emphatically



BIRMINGHAM, June 9: An emotionally-charged England raced to an emphatic nine-wicket victory in the first Test against Australia at Edgbaston Sunday to take a 1-0 lead for the first time in five Ashes series, reports agencies.

To make 118 runs to win after dismissing Australia for 477 in their second innings, England skipper Michael Atherton led the victory charge with a crackerjack unbeaten 57.

Atherton and Alec Stewart (40 not out) romped home to victory in 21.3 overs with a day to spare with an undefeated 90-run second-wicket stand.

Stewart cover drove leg spinner Shane Warne for his seventh four to take England to 119 for one and seal the historic victory.

Atherton, who reached 5000 Test runs in 68 matches when on 12, gave the run chase a kick start with left hander Mark Butcher taking 29 runs in the first three overs.

Medium-pace Michael Kasprovic trapped Butcher leg before wicket for 14 runs, but Atherton and Stewart ensured the win was achieved without any further hiccups.

Atherton, dropped on 27 by Glenn McGrath fielding at fine leg, hit nine boundaries while Stewart's 54-ball knock included seven fours.

The last time England went 1-0 up in the Ashes—in Brisbane under Mike Gatting in 1986-87—they went on to win the series 2-1.

England, with two wins in New Zealand, have now won three games in a row for the first time since 1991-92 when they beat West Indies, Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

"We've won the last three Test matches we've played now and we're on a roll," said Atherton. "We've been improving all the time and to beat a side like Australia adds another feather to our hat. It's going to be a cracking summer."

It is also Australia's first back-to-back Test defeat since 1992-93, when the West Indies won in Adelaide and Perth to take the series 2-1. Australia lost the third and final Test at the Centurion in South Africa before this series.

Skipper Mark Taylor (129) and Greg Blewett (125) provided the backbone of the Australian

second innings revival with a 194-run second-wicket stand after the visitors had been dismissed for 118 in their first innings. But their dismissals marked the beginning of the end for the tourists.

Blewett became the first player in 120 years to make hundreds in his first three Tests against England.

Just when Australia looked like crawling back and making a match of it after trailing by 360 runs in the first innings, a

collapse after tea put paid to it all. Comfortably placed on 431 for five at the tea break, Australia crashed losing five wickets in the space of 11 overs.

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Elham caught and bowled Warne.

Gillespie, discomfited by a torn left hamstring, had his runner looking elsewhere while Warne took off for a single. A John Crawley throw to the bowler's end caught Bevan well short of his ground.

Ealham finished with three for 60 while off spinner Robert Croft, who centuried the wickets of the two centuries, had three for 125 from 43 overs.

Gough, England's bowling hero, finished with a match haul of six for 166. Medium paceman Andrew Caddick's finished with five wickets for 137, all his success being in the first innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between England and Australia at Edgbaston on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 118 (A Caddick 5-50)
ENGLAND: First innings 478-9 declared (N Hussain 207, G Thorpe 138, M Ealham 53)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings (overnight 256-1)
Elliott b Croft 66
Taylor c and b Croft 129

Blewett c Butcher b Croft 125
S Waugh lbw b Gough 33
Bevan c Hussain b Gough 24

M Waugh c Stewart b Gough 1
Healy c Atherton b Ealham 30
Warne c and b Ealham 32

Kasprovic c Butcher b Ealham 0
Gillespie run out 0
McGrath not out 0

Extras: (b-18, lb-12, w-2, nb-5) 37
Total: (144.4 overs) 477
Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-327; 3-354; 4-393; 5-399; 6-431; 7-465; 8-465; 9-477.

Bowling: O M R W
Gough 35 7 123 3
Malcolm 21 6 52 0
Croft 43 10 125 3
Caddick 30 6 87 0
Ealham 15.4 3 60 3

ENGLAND: Second innings
Butcher lbw b Kasprovic 14
Atherton not out 47
Stewart not out 40

Extras: (b-4, lb-4) 8
Total: (for one wicket) 119
Fall of wicket: 1-29

Bowling: O M R W
McGrath 7 1 42 0
Kasprovic 7 0 42 1
Warne 7.3 0 27 0

Result: England won by 9 wickets.
Second Test: Lord's, June 19 to 23.
Man-of-match: Naseer Hussain

WI keep faith
in quicks

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, June 9: The West Indies have included one newcomer and packed their attack with five fast bowlers in a squad of 13 from which 11 will go on to play the first cricket Test against Sri Lanka, in Antigua Friday, reports AP.

Floyd Reifer, a tall 24-year-old left-handed batsman from Barbados, is the only rookie of the team announced Sunday by West Indies Cricket Board secretary Andrew Sealy.

The highest scorer in the season's regional Red Stripe Cup tournament with 756 runs in 10 matches, Reifer made his international debut in the one-day international in Port of Spain, Trinidad, on Friday, when he helped the West Indies to a win.

Captain Courtney Walsh, Curtly Ambrose, Ian Bishop, Franklyn Rose and Mervyn Dillon are the five fast bowlers named, Dillon, who had two Tests in the recent series against India in his debut season, is not expected to make the starting 11.

Reifer is seen as cover for another left-hander, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who was kept out of the one-day international because of a neck injury. Chanderpaul, voted Most Valuable Player in the series of five Tests and four one-day internationals against India, will have to pass a fitness test on Thursday.

The Sri Lankans are on their first tour of the West Indies. They play two Tests, the second scheduled for Arnos Vale, St. Vincent, June 20-24.

They started a three-day war in a match against the Leeward Islands in St. John's Antigua, on Sunday.

SQUAD
Courtney Walsh (captain), Brian Lara (vice captain), Curtly Ambrose, Ian Bishop, Courtney Browne, Sherwin Campbell, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Mervyn Dillon, Roland Holder, Carl Hooper, Floyd Reifer, Franklyn Rose, Stuart Williams.

Cute handball

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Rifles won their respective Cute Premier handball league matches held at the court near Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In the first match, Police recorded a big 42-16 victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club.

The winners led the first half 13-5.

Shahiduzzaman of Ansars scored highest ten goals while Nurul Islam added nine to the winners account.

On the other hand, Jubayer and Nazir scored four goals each for Wanderers.

In the other match of the day, BDR registered a 23-13 win over West Jatrabari Krira Chakra.

Jahangir and Mozammel struck seven and five goals respectively for the riflemen.

Women's hockey
Champs Trophy
Australia's

BERLIN, June 9: Alyson Annan's fired her fifth tournament goal in sudden death Sunday, snapping a tie against Germany and lifting Australia to their fourth straight Champions Trophy, reports AP.

Olympic champions Australia edged Germany 2-1 on Annan's shot with 11 seconds left in the first overtime at the women's field hockey tournament.

Germany and Australia reached the match for first place after finishing first and second in round-robin play at the event, which brings together the world's six top-ranked teams.

The Netherlands beat South Korea 5-2 in the third place game, while Great Britain shut out a youthful United States team, 3-0, for fifth.

Germany shocked the Aussies with just three minutes played when Britta Becker shot the 1-0 from the top of the circle. Katrina Powell evened from the same area five minutes later.

Australia dominated afterwards, outshooting their opponents 20-6, but failed to break through in regulation time against the stiff German defence.

The Aussies had chances in the 62nd, 65th and 69th minutes to win the game.

"We played very well today, we had position and control of the game for long periods of time," said Australian coach Ric Charlesworth.



Croat Tomislav Erec (L) and Naoki Soma of Japan fight for the ball during the opening match of the Kirin Cup at the national stadium on Sunday. Japan won 4-3. — AFP/UNB photo

Rivals go neck and neck



LYON, France, June 9: World champions Brazil and Italy, World Cup winners seven times between them, served up a feast of football as they drew 3-3 in a brilliant Tourni de France clash of giants on Sunday, reports Reuter.



ROMARIO

No other result would have been fair or fully reflected the total commitment of both sides to winning and playing good attacking football which augurs well for next year's World Cup in France.

It also handed the tournament to England, who have beaten both Italy and France, with one match each to go in the World Cup dress rehearsal.

Brazil coach Mario Zagallo said: "This evening's match was a spectacle apart, especially in the second half."

The Brazilians came from 3-1 down to score two superb goals through twin strikers Ronaldo and Romario in the final 19 minutes.

The 1994 World Cup veteran taking a square ball from his 20-year-old partner, Ronaldo jinked his way through the defence to score Brazil's superb 84th-minute equaliser.

Ronaldo, put through by left back Roberto Carlos, sent Italy's goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca the wrong way after rounding the defenders and finding the net with a low shot to the left.

Italy coach Cesare Maldini said "This was a very beautiful match. I thank my players because they gave everything. I also congratulate the Brazilian team because they showed they are a great side."

The Italians had earlier looked set to reverse their de-

feat in the 1994 World Cup final, the last and only goalless meeting between the two sides in 11 encounters and which was settled in Brazil's favour on penalties.

The result left the two big guns of international football equal at five wins each with two draws and a goals tally of 19-19.

Brazil looked like they were going to pay dearly for a sloppy start when Alessandro del Piero put the more purposeful Italians ahead in the seventh minute.

Midfielder Demetrio Albertini, one of four survivors of the 1994 World Cup final in the Italian side, began a move down the right by feeding young Juventus striker Christian Vieri, whose fine cross to the far post was headed home by Del Piero.

At the other end, the Brazilian attack was struggling to break free of the tight marking by the Italians. Christian Panucci was on Romario and Fabio Cannavaro keeping a tight rein on Ronaldo, but midfielder Dino Baggio was also doubling up as a custodian of playmaker Leonardo.

The match developed into a balanced, high level contest between two contrasting styles even though the Brazilians went further behind after 24 minutes when a free-kick on the right by Albertini was deflected past Taffarelli by Aidair for the first of two own goals in the match.

The other own goal brought Brazil back into the contest 12 minutes later when a bullet shot from the left by Roberto Carlos was turned past Pagliuca, who was also in Italy's side in the 1994 Los Angeles showdown, by Attilio Lombardo.

It was an unfortunate moment for the balding Juventus winger who had done well thus far to keep the Real Madrid left back busy in defence. When it came to defending against Brazil's deadly shooter he put a foot badly wrong.

The action went from end to end almost unrelentingly with both midfields working hard and inventively.

Sao Paulo's young midfielder Denilson, the only change in the Brazil side that drew 1-1 with hosts France on Tuesday, came more and more into the game as he gained in confidence in his fourth international.

Denilson forced Pagliuca into a brilliant diving save after a fine solo run on the left six minutes into the second half, then shot just wide of the far post three minutes later.

He also put Romario through with a brilliant back heel, but

the Flamengo striker was edged out by the defence.

Italy should have had a penalty in the 55th minute when Cello Silva upended Del Piero as the Juventus forward turned the Corinthians defender on the left of the box.

Sevens minutes later Italy did get a penalty when substi-



DEL PIERO

tute Filippo Inzaghi, just two minutes into his first international, was brought down by Aidair. Del Piero put the ball to Taffarelli's right and Italy 3-1 up.

Brazil, who lost 4-2 to Norway in Oslo five days before the Tourni started and have now conceded eight goals in their last three internationals, stormed back and in between their second and third goals Roberto Carlos hit the bar with another of his thunderbolts.

Substitute Flavio Conceicao and captain Dunga, on whose steadying influence Brazil constructed their fightback, also had shots from outside the box saved by Pagliuca.

Inzaghi might have put Italy beyond reach when he was put free on the right of the Italian attack with little more than 10 minutes remaining but Taffarelli turned his shot from a tight angle over the bar.

Instead, it was left to the resurged Romario to have the last word.

Statistics in Brazil's 3-3 draw with Italy in the Tourni de France on Sunday:

| | Brazil | Italy |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Shots on goal: | 20 | 12 |
| Shots on target: | 8 | 6 |
| Corners conceded: | 3 | 10 |
| Free kicks against: | 18 | 24 |
| Offsides: | 0 | 2 |
| Red cards: | 0 | 0 |

Lankans out of rhythm



ST JOHN'S, Antigua, June 9: Sri Lanka's batsmen struggled for runs against the Leeward Islands' you-ies and inexperienced bowlers on the first day of their three-day cricket match in Antigua Sunday, reports AP.

Sent in to bat in hot, sunny weather on a lively pitch, Sri Lanka compiled 192 in six before captain Aravinda de Silva declared. Fast-bowler Dulp Liyanage struck back in the closing stages with two quick wickets, including West Indies

Test opener Stuart Williams, as the Leewards finished the day 30 for two.

It was Sri Lanka's final practice match before the first of two Tests against the West Indies, starting here Friday. The second Test is in Anos Vale, St Vincent, June 20-24.

Opener Roshan Mahanama, who batted two and quarter hours for 65, seized the chance to get acclimated to local conditions.

Left-hander Sanjeeva Ranatunga, the brother of Lankan captain Arjuna who took the match off, made 35, wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana, 28, and left-hander Hashan Tilakaratne was 23 not out at close.

But it was an unimpressive show against an attack led by three young bowlers in their first first-class match. Angelo Bass, an 18-year-old leg-spinner, bowled 18 overs in his debut match for the reward of Ranatunga's wicket.

Fast bowlers Whitmore Quinn and Mickey Mills each claimed two wickets.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the three-day first-class cricket match between Leeward Islands and Sri Lanka at St John's on Sunday:

SRI LANKA: First innings
Mahanama c Jacobs b Quinn 65
Arnold c Adams b Quinn 14
Attapattu c Mitchum b Mills 11
De Silva c Morton b Mills 6
S Ranatunga b Bass 35
Tilakaratne not out 23
Kaluwitharana lbw b Irish 28
Dharmasena not out 8
Extras: (lb-2) 2

Total: (for 6 wks declared) 192
Did not bat: D Liyanage, M Mu-

ralitharan, R Pushpakumara. Wickets fell at: 1-25; 2-23; 3-48; 4-132; 5-146; 6-180

Bowling O M R W
Quinn 19 8 21 2
Irish 17 4 48 1
Mills 16 5 31 2
Phillips 8 1 31 0
Bass 10 3 59 1

LEEWARD ISLANDS: First innings
Williams lbw b Liyanage 1
Mitchum not out 13
Adams lbw b Liyanage 9
Norton not out 4
Extras: (lb-1, nb-2) 3
Total: (for 2 wks) 30
To bat: R E Joseph, A Bass, R D Jacobs, W D Phillips, L Irish, W Quinn, M Mills

Wickets fell at: 1-1; 2-26
Bowling O M R W
Pushpakumara 3 0 4 0
Liyanage 5 0 23 2
Muralitharan 2 1 2 0

BAF swimming

Sports Reporter

Three events were finalised on the second day of the Bangladesh Air Force Inter-bank swimming championship held at the National Swimming Complex at Mirpur yesterday.

Flt Lt Hiron of BAF base Zahurul Haque captured the 200-metre backstroke gold while Tayeb Ali of BAF base Matruh Rahman bagged the 400-metre freestyle gold. The other gold of the day in 100-metre butterfly, went to Sgt Rashid of BAF base Matruh Rahman.

In the water-polo competition, BAF base Bashur outplayed BAF base Pahar Khan-champur by eight goals to nil while BAF base Zahurul Haque tamed Air Headquarters 6-1.

CROSSWORD by Eugene Sheffer

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