

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-71

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Competition closes 8 pm,

June 13, '97

1	Who lifted the Independence Cup cricket title?	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	India
2	Who won the European Cup football title?	Borussia	Bayern	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	Jayasurya	Aquib
5	Who became champion in the 23rd national chess tournament?	Rakib	Lovlu	Rajib

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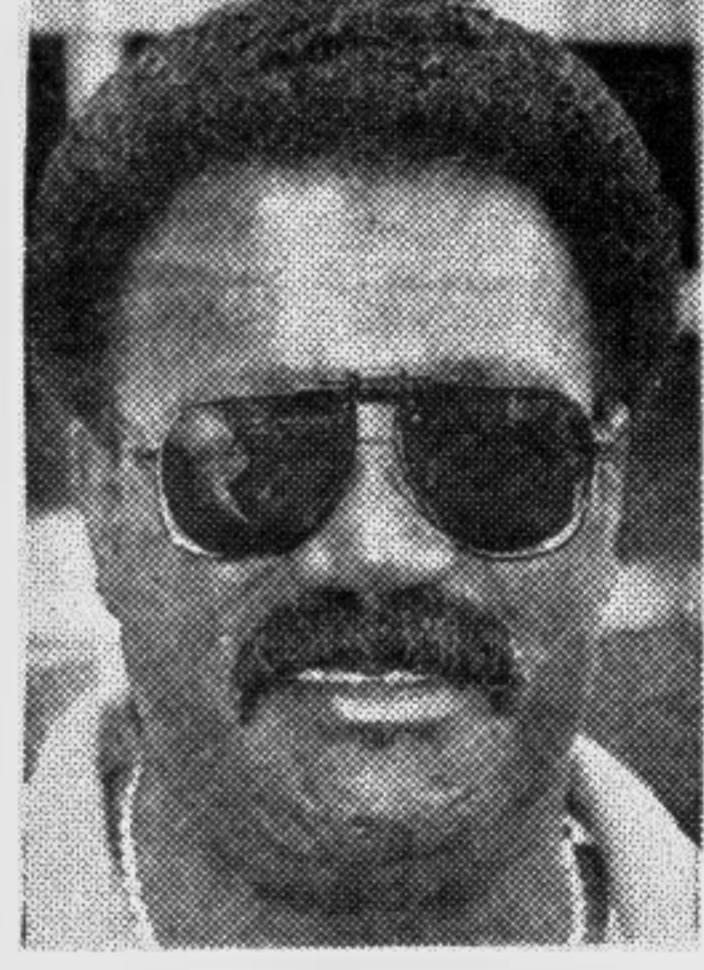
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Clive Lloyd

(West Indies coach and former 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, report agencies.

Set 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 Kasprowicz 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

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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 & b Ealham 30

Warne c & b Ealham 32

Kasprowicz c Butcher b Ealham 0

Gillespie run out 0

McGrath not out 0

Extras: (b-1, 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 bb Kasprowicz 14

Atherton not out 47

Stewart not out 40

Extras: (b-4, lb-4) 8

Total: (for one wicket) 119

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RESULT: England won by 9 wickets.

Second Test: Lord's, June 19 to 23.

Man-of-match: Naseer Hussain



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.

Medium paceman Darren Gough (3-123) ripped through the Australian middle order either side of the tea break, after which fellow seamer Mark Ealham rocked the lower order in a nine-ball spell.

Ealham, who hadn't been bowled all day, ended a 34-run seventh-wicket stand between Ian Healy (30) and Warne (32) which threatened to take the game away from England.

Both batsmen smashed five boundaries apiece before Ealham struck.

Healy cut a rank longhop to Atherton at gully and two balls later Kasprowicz (0) fended a short ball to Butcher at second slip.

Jason Gillespie, coming to bat with Michael Bevan as a runner, was run out in a comical fashion, and in the next ball

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 claimed the wickets of the two centurions, had three for 123 from 43 overs.

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