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cricket captain is

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2 Brazilian star Ronaldo's
new Italian club is

AC Milan Inter Milan Juventus

3 Who scored the golden goal
for Abahani against
Mohammedan in this year's
Federation Cup semifinal?

Mizan Zakir Tpu

4 Who is the coach of Kenyan
national cricket team?

Patil Amaranth Wadekar

5 The 100 metres world record
holder is

Greene Bailey Fredericks

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SPORTS TALK

Arjuna Ranatunga
(Sri Lanka cricket captain)
"I am a great believer in collective strength."Moody in a
dilemma

PERTH, Aug 14: Former Australian Test cricketer Tom Moody, a candidate to replace David Houghton as coach of County cricket Worcestershire, was re-appointed as Western Australia's captain for the coming season Thursday, reports AP.

Moody is currently leading Worcester and Houghton will leave at the end of the month to take over as coach of the Zimbabwe national team.

It is not known if the decision to remain as Western Australia's captain would harm his chances of becoming Worcester coach.

Western Australian coach Wayne Clark said Moody deserved to retain the state job he has performed admirably since replacing Damien Martyn early in the 1995-96 season.

The job Tom has done since he's become captain made the appointment the logical thing to do, Clark said.

"He's been terrific with the younger guys — and the rapport he has and the respect he holds is tremendous."

The all-rounder, who forced his way back into Australia's limited-overs side during the last summer, said recently he would consider replacing Houghton.

"If they offered it to me, it's something I would consider," Moody said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer



Kenyan Wilson Boit Kipketer poses next to the result-board after setting a new world record in the 3000m steeplechase at the Zurich Grand Prix on Aug 13. He clocked seven minutes 59.08 seconds. —AFP/UNB photo

Kipketer keeps his promise



ZURICH, Aug 14: Denmark's Wilson Boit Kipketer broke the oldest world record in athletics on Wednesday when he smashed Sebastian Coe's 16-year-old mark for the men's 800 metres as three world records tumbled on the night, reports Reuter.

A warm, still evening at the Zurich Grand Prix also saw Wilson Boit Kipketer set a new mark of seven minutes 59.08 seconds for the 3,000 steeplechase and Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie destroy his own world record for the 5,000 metres with a time of 12:41.86.

After no world records fell at the World Championships in Athens, the richest meeting in athletics witnessed one of the most remarkable middle-distance performances of all time from Kenyan-born Kipketer. He took nearly half a second off Briton Coe's time by clocking one minute 41.73 in June 1981.

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