

Gloucester go atop

LONDON, Aug 19: Spinners Martyn Ball and Richard Davis bowled Gloucestershire to first place in the English county championship on Monday, reports Reuters.

They shared nine second-innings wickets as Gloucestershire overcame Sussex at Hove by 166 runs.

Although opener Toby Pierce and Neil Taylor shared a second-wicket stand of 107, Sussex then folded for 161 in the chase for 328 to win.

Ball took five for 66 and Davis four for 35 as Gloucestershire moved 10 points ahead of second-placed Kent.

Pace bowling prospect Maanir Mirza helped Gloucestershire into fourth place by taking the last two Glamorgan wickets in seven balls in a 54-run victory. The defeat at Worcester cost Glamorgan the chance to go top.

Glamorgan, set a target of 374, were dismissed for 319 despite a fifth century of the season by Steve James.

A career-best 145 from Giles White and another century from John Stephenson denied Yorkshire victory at Portsmouth after Hampshire had followed on.

Hampshire began the final day on 173 for three, still needing another 47 to make Yorkshire bat again.

But White, whose previous top score for Hampshire was a modest 73, forced an unlikely draw.

Nottinghamshire wasted a great victory chance against Somerset at Trent Bridge and finished up needing to survive the final over to avoid defeat.

Matthew Downman cracked his third championship century of the season and Notts appeared to be well on course as they chased a victory target of 320.

But the departures of skipper Paul Johnson and Downman in quick succession sparked a dramatic slide that ended with wicketkeeper Wayne Munn having to play out Mushtaq Ahmed's final over to secure a draw.

The Pakistan leg-spinner had been chiefly responsible for the collapse with three for eight in 23 deliveries.

Karim named AFC's best for July

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 19: Iran's Karim Bagheri was today named Asian Football Confederation (AFC) player of the month for July for leading the AFC's All Stars team to victory over FIFA select, reports AFP.

Scoring two of the AFC's three goals, Bagheri's performance earned him a golden opportunity for the midfielder in their match in Hong Kong at the start of the month. AFC said in a statement.

Bagheri now plays for Germany's First Division Arminia Bielefeld.

Meanwhile, Dalian, the defending champions in the China league, won the AFC's team of the month award.

Dalian took the league champions' title from Shanghai last season and had gone 45 consecutive league matches without a loss by the end of the month.

The coach-of-the-month award went to Vincent Subramaniam, who guided Singapore armed forces to emerge as the island state's new S-League champions in mid-July.

Bolton buy Beardsley

LONDON, Aug 19: Former England striker Peter Beardsley finally left Newcastle for Bolton on Monday in a 450,000 pounds (\$724,000 dollars) deal, reports Reuters.

The 36-year-old was due to move two weeks ago but the transfer was put on hold after Alan Shearer suffered a serious ankle injury.

The setback came after the sale of Les Ferdinand to Tottenham and left Newcastle short of firepower.

Second one-dayer today

COLOMBO, Aug 19: Sachin Tendulkar's Indians get a final chance to restore their shattered cricketing pride when they clash with world champions Sri Lanka in the second one-day international here Wednesday, reports AFP.

The Indians have had a disastrous tour so far, first losing

ARJUNA RANATUNGA their hold on the Asia Cup before seeing the free-stroking Sri Lankans batter their bowlers in the drawn two-Test series.

Mohammad Azharuddin and Ajay Jadeja's defiant centuries during a world record stand of 223 for the fifth wicket in the first one-dayer provided little consolation in the narrow two-run defeat.

"Close finishes do not count. The bottom line is we lost again," a senior team member said.

"We made 300 but could not get those three extra runs."

It was India's sixth defeat in their last seven meetings against Arjuna Ranatunga's Sri Lankans.

The Indians, who have won just four of their 18 one-dayers this year, must win Wednesday's day-night game at the Premadasa Stadium to stay alive in the three-match series.

It's a match that could also determine the future of many players, especially frontline bowlers Anil Kumble, Venka-

tesh Prasad and Abey Kuruvilla. Leg-spinner Kumble, the team's vice-captain, has taken just six wickets in seven international innings on the tour so far, including four in the second Test.

Prasad has seven wickets and new ball partner Kuruvilla five, but the absence of pace spearhead Javagal Srinath through injury and the lack of adequate replacements back home may force the selectors to persist with them.

Srinath, who injured his bowling shoulder on the South African tour earlier this year, is not expected to be back till December, thereby missing eight one-dayers against Pakistan in September and the home series against Sri Lanka in November.

Sri Lanka's impressive run on the tour so far, including a world record total of 952 for seven in the first Test, has left the Indians defeated.

"Our bowling and fielding is so poor, we may be chasing 300 every time," one of the team's leading batsmen said.

Captain Tendulkar, however, backed his bowlers, saying the lifeless wicket at the Premadasa Stadium gave them little support.

There was no hope for the bowlers in the first Test and again in the first one-dayer in which 602 runs were scored. But I must concede the fielding needs to improve."

Tendulkar's 464 runs from

seven innings, including centuries in both Tests, may have saved his job despite the team's poor run.

Ironically Azharuddin, the man who was dropped for the Independence Cup at home in May because of poor form, has proved the star of the tour.

The selectors, who had reportedly toyed with the idea of giving the job back to Azharuddin, may finally be convinced

by his performance.

But Tendulkar's search for his first series win abroad as captain continues to be a struggle.

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Australia beat Kent

LONDON, Aug 19: All-rounder Shane Young, a late call-up to the injury-hit Australian squad, will make his Test debut against England in the final Test at The Oval this Thursday, reports agencies.

Tasmanian Young, who has impressed in his debut county season with Gloucestershire this summer, was told his good news after the tourists' first practice session in preparation for Thursday.

Young played in the six-wicket victory against Kent at Canterbury on Monday after being called up to join the squad at the end of last week.

Mike Kasprowicz has been confirmed as the replacement for the injured Jason Gillespie, while Young comes in for Paul Reiffel.

Young took only one for 40 as Kent who were dismissed for

343, leaving Australia a target of 230.

England discard Mark Ealham made a fine 118-ball 85 before falling to a brilliant one-handed catch by Ricky Ponting.

Shane Lee, Young's rival, had a match haul of eight for 113.

In reply, Michael Slater hit 47, his highest score in the disappointing tour so far, and unbroken fifth wicket partnership of 90 between Ponting and Michael Bevan completed the victory (231) for the Aussies.

Ponting struck 56 off 85 balls while Bevan's 47 took 64 deliveries.

Young becomes only the fifth Tasmanian cricketer to play Test cricket for Australia, after Roger Woolley, David Boon, Greg Campbell and Ricky Ponting.

"Young will definitely play," captain Mark Taylor said. "Shane is more a consistent type bowler. Glenn McGrath,

Kasprowicz and Shane Warne are three genuine wicket-taking types of bowlers."

"Shane is more a Reiffel type of bowler. He can keep an end tight and pick up a couple of valuable wickets for us, and make handy runs down the order."

Young was called up from his Gloucestershire duties after 746 runs (average 41.44) with a highest score of 237 against Derbyshire at Cheltenham in 14 first-class games.

The left-handed Young, who bats at No. 5 for Tasmania in the Australian Sheffield Shield competitions, bowls right. This season he has taken 31 wickets at an average of 27.83, with the best bowling being four for 27 against Surrey at The Oval when he picked up both Hal- loake brothers — Adam and Ben.

Chang ousts Medvedev

COMMACK, New York, Aug 19: Michael Chang, the world's second-ranked player, celebrated his selection to the US Davis Cup team by beating defending champion Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 in the first round of the Hamlet Cup Monday, reports AP.

The victory boosted Chang's record to 49-12 this year, best on the ATP Tour. It was the top-seeded Chang's sixth victory in seven matches against Medvedev over four years.

In another match, French Open champion and world No. 9 Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil downed Uruguay's Marcelo Filippini 6-4, 7-6.

He jumped to a 5-1 lead before the 24-year-old Medvedev won four straight games with two service breaks to tie the set 5-5.

Both players held serve to force a tiebreaker, which was tied 6-6 before Chang held serve and Medvedev double-faulted to lose the set.

In the second set, Medvedev held his only lead of the match at 4-3. Chang rallied from a 15-40 deficit in the ninth game to force a deuce and eventually won it with a forehand winner to go ahead 5-4. He then served out the match.

"It was important for me to win the first set, especially after holding a 5-1 lead," Chang said. "My big mistake was thinking about the second set before I closed him out. He has given me a tough time in every match we've played."



Out of form Australian batsman Michael Slater drives Kent's Ben Phillips to the boundary during last day's play of their three-day tour match at Canterbury on Aug 18. —AFP/UNB photo

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Sl. No. Name of vacant post Pay scale Age Educational qualification

1. Stenographer 1475-3150/= 18-30 in case of freedom fighters 32 years Minimum HSC passed.

2. Steno-Typist 1375-2870/= -Do- 1. Shorthand speed in Bengali and English 50&80 WPM respectively.

2. Typing speed in Bengali and English minimum 25&30 WPM respectively.

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2. Typing speed in Bengali and English minimum 23&28 WPM respectively.

Application in plain paper with the following descriptions should reach the undersigned within office hours of 11-9-97. Application should be submitted stating name of candidate (male/female), father's/husband's name, permanent and present address, educational qualification, age (on 11-9-97), date of birth, nationality, religion, experience (if any). The following papers should accompany the application:

(a) Certificate (attested) of educational qualification.

(b) Character certificate from first class gazetted officer.

(c) Permanent domicile and nationality certificate from Union Parishad Chairman/Municipality Ward Commissioner.

(d) 2 (two) copies recent passport size attested photo of applicant (male/female).

(e) In case of Departmental candidates, experience certificate stating date of appointment and present designation from the Executive Engineer concerned must be submitted.

2. District quota for appointment should be maintained.

3. Any kind of recommendation will prove candidate's disqualification.

Preference will be given to candidates (male/female) with requisite qualification working at Public Works Directorate.

4. No TADA will be admissible for interview.

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(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programme)

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3:15 Patriotic song 3:20 Drama serial: Asteel (Repeat) 3:50 Cartoon Film: 4:00 News in Bangla 4:40 Moner Kaha 5:15 Open University 6:00 Geet Bangla 6:25 Aftabganga 7:00 News in English 7:10 Programme on Health 7:25 Nupur Nikan 8:00 News in Bangla 8:40 Package Drama 10:00 News in English 10:30 Mukad-dhara 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Thursday's Programme summary 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:30 World Living: Airport 7:00 BBC World News: In: World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Focus: BBC World Debate 11:00 BBC News 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: BBC World Debate 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Tomorrow's World 3:00

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STAR SPORTS

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STAR MOVIES

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PTV

8:00 TILAWAT WAR TAR-JUMA/ HAMD/NAAT 8:20 CARTOON 8:30 KHABRAIN 8:45 - MANSOORBAJAAT BARAI KHUD KAFALAT 9:00 SUR SAVARIA & Sehra Ka Safar & Sada-e-Kashmir 9:15 SHANA BA SHANA 9:50 AAJ KI KITAAB-AIK NAZM 10:05 Boor Kay Ladoo 10:30 HFF 7:30 Serial: Campus 7:50 Haseen Pail (Trailer Show) 8:00 Aaha (Sitcom) 8:30 Mast Mast Show 9:00 VIP-Number One 9:30 Amar Prem 10:00 Archies - Top of the Tens 10:30 Stand By (Trailer Show) 10:45 Hindi Feature Film: 1:30 Nukkar 2:00 Aagar (Hor