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Franklyn's fiery debut

LONDON, Apr 30: West Indies paceman Franklyn Rose marked his Northamptonshire debut with five wickets in their Benson and Hedges Cup win over the minor counties on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

He took the first four wickets, going onto finish with 5 for 14 in 9.1 overs as the minor counties were dismissed for only 103 at Luton.

But it was not all plain sailing for Northants. The minor counties hit back by reducing the county championship side to 39-4 in 12 overs, former Derbyshire paceman Paul Newman snapping up the first three wickets.

But Kevin Curran (28) and Anthony Penberthy (34 not out) stopped the slide during a fifth wicket partnership of 52, helping Northants reach their target by five wickets in 32.2 overs.

Warwickshire avenged three successive defeats by Lancashire in the competition with a 50-run victory in their opening group game at Old Trafford.

It was the fourth year in success in that the sides had been paired in the same qualifying group, with Lancashire winning at Edgbaston last season only by virtue of losing fewer wickets after both teams scored 208.

Brian Lara's decision to bat first proved justified despite the West Indies captain contributing only 13 to the Warwickshire total of 234-8 on 50 overs.

Lancashire, having lost former England captain Mike Atherton for 11, were well up with the required rate as John Crawley (54) and Mike Watkinson (34) added 82 for the second wicket.

But their last eight wickets tumbled for just 76 runs. They were all out for 184, Ed Giddens taking 35 and Giles 3-22.

Keith Brown hit the day's only century, 114, to set up Middlesex's six-run win over Sussex at Lord's. Paul Weeks weighed in with an unbeaten 66 as Middlesex posted a testing target of 283-5.

Sussex lost their first three wickets for 78 with skipper Chris Adams making a rapid 50. But Keith Newell (62 not out) and Australian Michael Bevan (36) fired the middle order before they were all out of the final ball for 277. Weeks took the final three wickets.

The other tie between Glamorgan and Essex at Cardiff was abandoned because of rain after the county champions had raced to 254-5 of 46.2 overs.

Johansson elected UEFA boss again

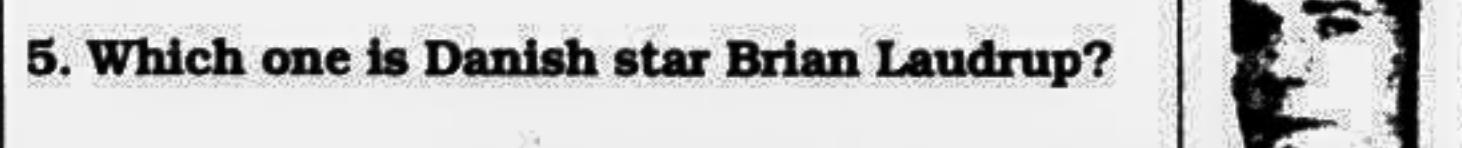
DUBLIN, Ireland, Apr 30: UEFA's 51 national delegates appointed Lennart Johansson as president of soccer's European governing body for the third time in a row Thursday even though the 68-year-old Swede is standing for the FIFA presidency in June, reports AP.

Johansson, who has been UEFA president since 1990, received a standing ovation from the delegates in Dublin and pledged that if he didn't win the June 8 vote against FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter, he would continue to fight UEFA's battles on FIFA's executive committee for the next four years.

If Johansson wins the FIFA election and becomes president of the world body, he will resign as UEFA president and UEFA will hold a special meeting in Lisbon October 8 to elect a new leader.

Round-2 correct answers

1. For World Cup '98, who was last to qualify?
2. The Final of World Cup '98 will be played at
3. Who is known as Brazil's "white Pele"?
4. 1974 champs Germany played Final against
5. Which one is Danish star Brian Laudrup?



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