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- 1 Who was the first player to receive a red card in France '98? 2 Who scored the first hat-trick in 1998 World Cup? 3 The new French Open champion is...

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SPORTS TALK



Daniel Passarella. (Argentina's outgoing soccer coach) "It's very probable I'll continue coaching, I'd say almost certain, but I can't say when."

Quader visits training camps

A long-term training courses for athletes participating in the Commonwealth and SAAP Games is in progress, reports UNB. State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader visited the camps at Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium and swimming complex, on Tuesday.

Football says no to drugs

PARIS, July 7 (Reuters/Internet): All 240 dope testers in the first 60 matches of the World Cup have been negative, FIFA said on Tuesday. Dr. Michel D'Hooghe, the Belgian chairman of FIFA's sports medical committee said: "It gives me great satisfaction, but we are not claiming a total 100 percent victory yet as there are still four matches to play."

Polster goes to Germany

BONN, July 7 (Reuters/Internet): Austrian World Cup striker Toni Polster has joined German club Borussia Moenchengladbach from relegated Cologne on a two-year contract. Cologne will receive a transfer fee of around two million marks (\$1.1 million) for the 34-year-old striker.

India clinch a cliff-hanger

COLOMBO, July 7: India made a splendid fight-back to beat Sri Lanka by six runs and win the three-nation Independence Cup cricket tournament under lights at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Tuesday, reports AP.

The Sri Lankans at one stage looked set to win the game at 280 for four, but with the dismissal of veteran campaigner Aravinda de Silva for 105 the tourists made a sensational return to bundle out the home side for 301 in the third ball of the last over.

Enraged spectators threw empty water bottles and other objects onto the field to vent their disappointment after Indian wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia flicked off the balls to run out Pramodya Wickremasinghe who attempted a second run. Sri Lanka needed nine runs in the last over bowled by leg-spinner Anil Kumble.

Mongia earlier in the innings pulled off a spectacular catch off paceman Ajit Agarkar to get rid of Arjuna Ranatunga for 23. Indian openers Sachin Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly earlier hammered centuries to set up a world record partnership of 252 runs for the first wicket as the tourists battled untroubled on a docile pitch.

Tendulkar smashed 128 in 131 balls while Ganguly stroked 109 as the pair put on an imposing 252 runs to surpass a previous best 225 by Kenya's Kennedy Otieno and Dipak Chudasaman against Bangladesh at Nairobi, Kenya in 1997-98.

Tendulkar blasted his first 50 in only 39 balls with six fours and one six but reached the balance 50 runs with just a single boundary added as he led the way in consolidating India's position after his skipper Mohammed Azharuddin won the toss and decided to bat.

Tendulkar in all hit eight fours and two sixes before the video umpire ruled him stumped off a ball from Sanath Jayasuriya in the 44th over.

Tendulkar in the process equalled a world record of 17 centuries in one-day international set by West Indies batsman Desmond Haynes.

Tendulkar was named man-of-the-match while De Silva was adjudged man-of-the-series.

Ganguly fell in the next over giving Muralitharan a return catch after hitting six fours and two sixes.

Ganguly however survived an anxious moment when wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana's leg-side appeal for a catch against Kumara Dharmasena was turned down with his score on 98 and the total on 233.

The exits of Tendulkar and Ganguly did not bring an end to Sri Lanka's woes as Robin Singh (15) and Ajay Jadesha (25) wreaked further havoc on the home side.

Jadesha made his runs in only 25 balls while hitting Dharmasena for two successive sixes over long-on.

The final scorecard of the India-Sri Lanka Independence Cup final at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Tuesday: INDIA: Ganguly c and

Table with 4 columns: Player, Runs, Balls, Wickets. Includes Atapattu, Prasad, Harbhajan, Ranatunga, Mongia, Agarkar, Mahanama, Kumble, Dharmasena, Muralitharan, Wickremasinghe, Muralitharan, Extras, Total.

Result: India win by 6 runs and the Independence Cup. Player-of-the-match: Sachin Tendulkar.



TENDULKAR... p-o-m DE SILVA... p-o-s

Sachin equals Desmond

COLOMBO, July 7 (PTI): Sachin Tendulkar today equalled West Indian Desmond Haynes' record of 17 centuries and also reached the 7,000-run mark in one-day international in the final of the Independence Cup cricket tournament against Sri Lanka at the Premadasa Stadium.

Tendulkar drove Aravinda De Silva to long-off and ran two runs to complete his 17th century in the shorter version of the game. The little champion caught up with Haynes in record 42 matches.

Earlier in the day the former skipper completed 17,000 runs when he flashed Muralitharan to long-on for a single. Only four batsmen, West Indian Desmond Haynes (8,648), Indian captain Mohd Azharuddin (8,280), Sri Lanka's Aravinda De Silva (7,500) and Pakistan's Javed Miandad (7,381) are ahead of Tendulkar.

Table: Ton-table. Columns: No, Score Against, Venue, Date. Lists top scorers like Australia, New Zealand, India, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Australia, Australia, Australia, Kenya, Sri Lanka.

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Wasim doesn't want to lead Pakistan

KARACHI, July 7: Former captain Wasim Akram said on Monday he was not interested in leading Pakistan's cricket team following reports he was being considered for the job he lost in December over match-fixing allegations.

"I have had my stint and enjoyed it to the hilt and now I want someone else to take the gauntlet and I am ready to guide him until I quit," Akram told AFP.

Akram, 32, was dropped from captaincy over match-fixing and betting allegations following the national team's poor performance at Sharjah in a four-nation tournament in December.

But he was allowed to play for Pakistan last February in South Africa after the cricket authorities cleared him, pending the completion of an ongoing probe by a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) committee.

The all-rounder's comments came as a meeting of the PCB council on Sunday postponed announcement of a captain and coach.

The probe committee is expected to present a preliminary report this month.

"My conscience is clear and that is why I am taking on my accusers. I have suffered a lot, but now I feel enough is enough," Akram said.

He said the cricket board would have to play its part to clear Pakistan cricket's image.

"I felt that the board seemed to have enjoyed seeing players humiliated by the press and the public but now with Chairman Khalid Mahmood at the helm I hope things will improve," he said.

Akram is with English county Lancashire, for whom he has been playing since 1988. He was to leave here for London late today.

I want to see Lancashire win the county championship and if they remain in contention I may have to miss Sahara Cup in Canada in September," he said.

Charity match postponed

PARIS, July 7: A charity match to raise money for the French policeman left in a coma after being bludgeoned by German hooligans has been postponed until September.

German soccer federation president Egidius Braun said Tuesday, reports AP.

The game involving French and German veterans had been scheduled for Saturday, the day before the World Cup final.

But Braun said it would be senseless to have the game without German fans, who had left France after their country's elimination in the quarter-finals.

The match will now be held in mid-September, somewhere in Germany near the border with France.

The policeman, Daniel Nivel, a 44-year-old father of two, is still in a coma.

He was hit on the head by a group of German neo-Nazi hooligans July 21, when German players Yugoslavia in Lens.

Three people have been arrested in the attack.

Amato joins Rangers

GLASGOW, July 7: Gabriel Amato become Rangers' second major off-season acquisition Monday when he signed a 4.2 million pound (6.97 million dollars) four-year contract to move to Ibrox, reports AP.

England manage a draw

MANCHESTER, England, July 7: (Reuters/AP): The third Test between England and South Africa ended in a draw at Old Trafford on Monday.

Earlier, fast bowler Allan Donald grabbed two quick wickets as South Africa closed in on a victory.

After a fighting 226-run stand between skipper Alec Stewart and Mike Atherton, England collapsed after lunch to be left teetering on 323 for six at tea.

In an eventful hour after lunch, Donald removed Stewart and Graham Thorpe in the space of four balls while left-arm spinner Paul Adams claimed Dominic Cork's wicket.

England were well poised to avoid defeat until Donald struck, the score falling from 278 for three to 296 for six.

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The home side was following-on after being bowled in its first innings for 183, and was still 46 runs behind South Africa's 552 for five declared.

Resuming on 211 for two, England's determined battle to salvage a draw started to tumble when Atherton fell 56 minutes into the final morning.

Repeatedly tested by Donald and Jacques Kallis with the second new ball, Atherton's six-hour innings came to an abrupt end when he top-edged a hook.

The former captain was caught at long leg when Makghaya Ntini made a spectacular dive to get to the ball.

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Lord MacLaurin reviews county circuit

LONDON, July 7: England and Wales Cricket Board chairman Lord MacLaurin is calling for an overhaul of England's domestic cricket competition, reports AP.

MacLaurin put the county cricket competition under scrutiny Tuesday, just 12 hours after England narrowly avoided another loss to South Africa at Old Trafford.

A stubborn second innings batting effort prevented South Africa claiming the one wicket they needed to win, allowing England to salvage a draw from what loomed as a certain defeat.

MacLaurin told the Express newspaper Tuesday that cricket was not in crisis despite low crowd attendances and the national team's performances.

County cricket officials rejected moves to revamp the four-day game 12 months ago but MacLaurin wants a special meeting of all 18 counties to discuss the changes to the competition format.

MacLaurin said the overhaul coincided with changes to British laws allowing cable and satellite television networks the chance to bid against terrestrial stations for broadcast rights to Test-match cricket.

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WORLD CUP NOTEBOOK

PARIS, July 7: (AFP): World Cup notebook: Croatia coach Miroslav Blazevic hopes the cap fits — all the way to the World Cup final.

After his team's second round win over Romania, Blazevic appeared in a French policeman's cap and kept it on as a lucky charm for the quarter-final against Germany, which his side won 3-0.

Now Blazevic won't go anywhere without the distinctive headgear.

France Daily France Soir revealed that police sergeant Jean-Luc Provot had insisted on giving Blazevic the cap as a sign of friendship.

"It's a present to symbolise the work of the police at the World Cup," explained the 43-year-old Provot, who wanted to make a special gesture following last month's attack by German fans on Lens gendarme Daniel Nivel.

"I'm thinking of him — it could have happened to any of us," said Provot, adding: "Football should bring people together."

MISS FRANCE — AND SHE CAN WRITE TOO Sophie Thalman is not just a pretty face. Miss France 1998 can write as well. She has sent a letter to the French team wishing them luck for their semifinal showdown with Croatia tomorrow.

"Also give each of the players a kiss from me," she told coach Aime Jacquet. "Lucky paleys."

GRASS SEEMS GREENER IN ENGLAND Dutch striker Patrick Kluijert is thinking hard about quitting AC Milan and joining Dennis Bergkamp at Arsenal in the English Premiership.

Kluijert was to be watched by Arsenal's chief scout Steve Rowley in today's semifinal against Brazil.

FANS GOING UP IN SMOKE The World Cup is allowing Egypt's only tobacco manufacturer to make a killing. Since the tournament began the company is delivering 200 million cigarettes a day on the market — 55 million more than normal — to help calm frayed nerves of football crazy Egyptians.

Every match is being televised. "There has been a dramatic increase in cigarette consumption since the World Cup started," said company president Mohamed Sadek Ragab. "We expect things to go back to normal after the final."

IT'S A PAIN IN THE BACK Back pain is the most cited complaint among footballers, according to Jiri Dvorak of FIFA's medical committee.

Players have strong leg muscles and stomach muscles but they do not do enough training on their back muscles," said Dvorak.

He added that ankle and knee injuries are the most common. The committee uses video and slow motion analysis to view every single injury in the World Cup to determine how best to avoid injuries.

MICHEL'S GETTING BETTER Former Dutch coach Rinus Michels is steadily recovering from the heart attack he suffered on Sunday. FIFA said today.

The 70-year-old Michels, who coached the brilliant Dutch team of 1974, remains in a clinic under observation. "He has made a substantial improvement. His condition is stable and there is no cause for concern," said FIFA spokesman Keith Cooper. Michels had a heart by-pass operation 15 years ago.

PATRIOTIC BILIC: Slaven Bilic of Croatia waving a national flag from his balcony at team hotel in Vittel on July 6.

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