

## Sport

**Yorke boost  
didn't work  
for Lara**

MANCHESTER, England, May 30: Manchester United football star Dwight Yorke made a surprise cricket World Cup appearance here on Sunday, reports AFP.

His winning habit failed to rub off on good friend Brian Lara as the West Indies lost to Australia.

Yorke, who played for the English champions as they won their third trophy of the season against Bayern Munich in the European Cup final on Wednesday, came onto the field with the drinks trolley during Australia's innings.

He joked with childhood friend and fellow Trinidadian Lara and the rest of the team.

Manchester United's stadium is just down the road from the Old Trafford cricket ground.

Earlier in the World Cup Lara had asked for permission to go and watch Yorke play in Barcelona on Wednesday but the West Indies management refused as it would have meant him missing the group B game against Scotland.

**France, World XI  
share honours**

MARSEILLE, May 31: France drew 2-2 with the World XI in Jean-Pierre Papin's testimonial match at the Velodrome on Sunday, report Reuters.

SCORERS

France: Youri Djorkaeff 59, pen. Nicolas Anelka 77.

World XI: Joerg Albertz 57, Lilian Laslandes 75.

Halftime: 0-0. Attendance: 60,000.

**TEAMS**

FRANCE: Fabien Barthez (Stephane Porato 52); Lilian Thuram (Martin Djeteu 52), Franck Leboeuf, Marcel Desailly (Laurent Blanc 75), Vincent Candela; Alain Bogosian, Emmanuel Petit, Youri Djorkaeff, Robert Pires (Vikash Dhorasoo 59); Nicolas Anelka, Christophe Dugarry (Sylvain Wiltord 57).

WORLD XI: Sebastiano Rossi (Guillaume Warmuz 45); Christian Ziege, Nisa Saveljevic (Rafael Martin Vasquez 45), Franck Verlaat (Alain Roche 45), Paolo Maldini (Marc Hottiger 29, Marc Keller 62); Michel Pavon (Papin 71), Thomas Helmer, Ali Benarbia (Jerg Albertz 45), Enzo Scifo (E. Swerissen 59), Jean-Pierre Papin (Lilian Laslandes 45), Marco Simone (Kazu Miura 23, Ibrahim Ba 59).

**Iversen inspires  
Norway**

OSLO, May 31: Steffen Iversen scored three minutes into the game as Norway beat Georgia 1-0 on Sunday in a qualifier for the Euro 2000 championship Sunday, reports AP.

Chelsea's Tore Andre Flo passed to Iversen, who scored with a well-placed header.

Norway lead Group 2 with 13 points at 4-1-1, five points ahead of Latvia with one game in hand. Georgia remains in the lower half with four points at 1-1-4.

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**Some solace**

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stunned the West Indies in the 1996 World Cup, and Alpesh Vadher put on 161 for the sixth wicket — a world record for any country — as the bedraggled Sri Lankan bowlers struggled to get a grip on the slippery ball.

Odumbe produced easily his best performance of this tournament to reach 82 before finally being bowled by Sanath Jayasuriya in the 47th over.

Vadher went on to reach his highest ever one-day score as he finished unbeaten on 73. The match dribbled to a close in poor light in front of a few hundred spectators.

Sri Lanka will now go home to face the music after a campaign that never really got started and produced victories over Zimbabwe and Kenya but heavy defeats at the hands of South Africa, England and India.

**Azzu walking**

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five games but missed out on run rate.

"You can't play the game on a weather forecast," Stewart said. "It rained yesterday then Zimbabwe beat South Africa and that put us under pressure this morning."

"I thought we bowled well. We went past the outside edge a number of times the first 15 or 20 overs."

"I thought losing Nasser (Hussain) just before we came off yesterday was disappointing and then losing Graham Thorpe and Andy Flintoff to lbws today — they were two crucial wickets."

Stewart admitted that England's lack of match practice at the crease during the World Cup had cost them dear.

"You can practise but you cannot beat batting out in the middle," he said.

"You can only win games and we won three of them very well and very easily, but against South Africa we collapsed as a batting team and here we were not quite up to it."

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Bangladesh's Khaled Mahmud follows through on an off-drive while Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar reaches for the ball during yesterday's World Cup match. — AFP photo

**It's all in  
the rules**

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as the match wore on.

Lara said he was aware West Indies would benefit from stretching the match out. "The longer we spent in the field the better for us. If we could have got more overs in the field I would have been happier."

During the match, a packed Old Trafford gradually became aware that the competitive element had disappeared from the game as Waugh and Bevan blocked over after over.

They eventually passed the total after 40.4 overs and boos echoed around the ground as the teams walked off.

ECB Technical Director Hugh Morris acknowledged the crucial qualifying match at Old Trafford had highlighted a problem. "It's certainly something we will review," he said.

Waugh said the Australian team had discussed the possibility of such a situation arising at their team meeting on Saturday. "We are a professional cricket side. I do not make the rules," he said.

Matthew Engel, Editor of cricketing bible Wisden, said World Cup organisers had been proud of the system they had devised for the 1999 tournament until Sunday.

The system put in place that was looking rather neat has had its disadvantages rather ruthlessly exposed and made far worse by the fact that games being played at the end of a qualifying round are being played on different days.

"It's an obvious flaw and one that you would not see in football competitions," Engel said.

New Zealand face a tough task today against Scotland to qualify, according to the rules.

If New Zealand bat first and score 200, then they must win by 121 runs, if they score 250 they must win by 118 runs and if they score 300 they need to win by 114 runs.

If Scotland bat first and score 100, New Zealand must pass that total by the 21st over, if they score 150 they must pass by the 23rd over and they must pass a score of 200 by the 25th over.

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**BATTING, BOWLING SO FAR****SCOTLAND-NEW ZEALAND SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the Scotland innings against New Zealand at Edinburgh yesterday:

SCOTLAND	R	B	4	6
M Smith c Cairns b Nash	1	14	0	0
M Allingham c Fleming b Allott	2	25	0	0
G Salmon lbw b Allott	1	13	0	0
G Hamilton c Allott b Astle	20	49	2	0
I Stanger c Astle b Cairns	27	58	1	0
J Brinkley c Parore b Allott	0	6	0	0
J Williamson c & b Harris	10	24	0	0
A Davies c sub (DL Vettori) b Harris	24	48	3	0
J Blain lbw b Harris	0	1	0	0
Asim Butt c Twose b Harris	10	10	0	1
N Dyer not out	2	8	0	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-13, nb-3)	24			
Total: (All out in 42.1 overs)	121			
Fall of wkt's: 1-2 (Smith, 3.4 ov); 2-11 (Salmond, 6.6 ov); 3-12 (Allingham, 10.1 ov); 4-66 (Hamilton, 24.4 ov); 5-68 (Brinkley, 26.4 ov); 6-68 (Stanger, 27.2 ov); 7-100 (Williamson, 35.1 ov); 8-100 (Blain, 35.2 ov); 9-110 (Asim Butt, 37.2 ov); 10-121 (Davies, 42.1 ov).				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Allott	10	3	15	3 (1 w)
Nash	10	3	16	1 (1 nb)
Bulfin	6	0	31	0 (1 nb, 2 w)
Cairns	8	0	26	1 (1 nb, 3 w)
Astle	5	1	18	1 (2 w)
Harris	3.1	0	7	4 (1 w)

Toss: New Zealand.  
Umpires: RE Koerten (SA) and ID Robinson (Zim).  
TV Umpire: SA Bucknor (WI).  
Match Referee: CW Smith (WI).

**BATTING**

LONDON, May 31 (Reuters): Top batting and bowling performances at the cricket World Cup after Sunday's matches (\*denotes not out):

BATTING	
183 — Saurav Ganguly (India) v Sri Lanka, May 26, Taunton.	
145 — Rahul Dravid (India) v Sri Lanka, May 26, Taunton.	
140* — Sachin Tendulkar (India) v Kenya, May 23, Bristol.	
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97 — Saurav Ganguly (India) v South Africa, May 15, Hove.	
96 — Jacques Kallis (South Africa) v India, May 15, Hove.	
88* — Nasser Hussain (England) v Kenya, May 18, Canterbury.	
88 — Alec Stewart (England) v Sri Lanka, May 14, Lord's.	
82 — Maurice Odumbe (Kenya) v Sri Lanka, May 30, Southampton.	
81 — Younis Youhana (Pakistan) v Scotland, May 20, Durham.	
81* — Inzamamul Haq (Pakistan) v Australia, May 23, Leeds.	
80 — Roger Twose (New Zealand) v Australia, May 20, Cardiff.	
80 — Ridie Jacob (West Indies) v New Zealand, May 24, Southampton.	
77 — Shivamaine Chanderpaul (West Indies) v Pakistan, May 16, Bristol.	
76 — Darren Lehmann (Australia) v New Zealand, May 20, Cardiff.	
76 — Gavin Hamilton (Scotland) v Pakistan, May 20, Durham.	
76 — Neil Johnson (Zimbabwe) v South Africa, May 29, Birmingham.	
73* — Graeme Hick (England) v Sri Lanka, May 14, Lord's.	
73* — Inzamamul Haq (Pakistan) v New Zealand, May 28, Derby.	
73* — Alpesh Vadher (Kenya) v Sri Lanka, May 30, Southampton.	

**BOWLING**

5 for 14 — Glenn McGrath (Australia) v West Indies, May 30, Manchester.
5 for 21 — Lance Klusener (South Africa) v Kenya, May 26, Amstelveen.
5 for 31 — Robin Singh (India) v Sri Lanka, May 26, Worcester.
4 for 17 — Allan Donald (South Africa) v England, May 22, The Oval.
4 for 25 — Courtney Walsh (West Indies) v Bangladesh, May 21, Dublin.
4 for 34 — Darren Gough (England) v Kenya, May 18, Canterbury.
4 for 37 — Alan Mullally (England) v Sri Lanka, May 14, Lord's.
4 for 37 — Geoff Allott (New Zealand) v Australia, May 20, Cardiff.
4 for 37 — John Blain (Scotland) v Bangladesh, May 24, Edinburgh.
4 for 40 — Wasim Akram (Pakistan) v Australia, May 23, Leeds.
4 for 42 — Neil Johnson (Zimbabwe) v Kenya, May 15, Taunton.
4 for 56 — Debasish Mohanty (India) v England, May 23, Bristol.
4 for 64 — Geoff Allott (New Zealand) v Pakistan, May 28, Derby.

**England's emblem**

revealed simultaneously in the co-hosts' capitals, Seoul and Tokyo, by local organisers and officials of world soccer's governing body, FIFA.

The 2002 World Cup will be the first in Asia and the first staged in two countries.

The circular logo features a stylized drawing of the World Cup trophy in red, blue, yellow, green and gold. The various colours are meant to represent the mix of teams that play in the World Cup.

An infinity symbol forms the two zeros of the year 2002 in the text of the logo, representing the eternal spirit of the event, organisers said. Across the bottom, the name "Korea" is written in blue, next to "Japan" in red.

"Launching the emblem marks the beginning of a grand festival for all soccer fans," said FIFA vice president Chung Mong-Joon.

The need for simultaneous ceremonies in Tokyo and Seoul highlighted the challenges of a co-host arrangement which carries heavy political significance.

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**Bangladesh win  
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