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2 How many runs did Aminal Islam score against New Zealand?

14 | 15 | 16

3 Who won the cricket World Cup in 1979?

Australia | W Indies | Canada

4 Who are the current ICC runners-up?

Kenya | Scotland | Germany

5 Who is the vice-captain of the Bangladesh cricket team?

Mahmud | Minhas | Naimur

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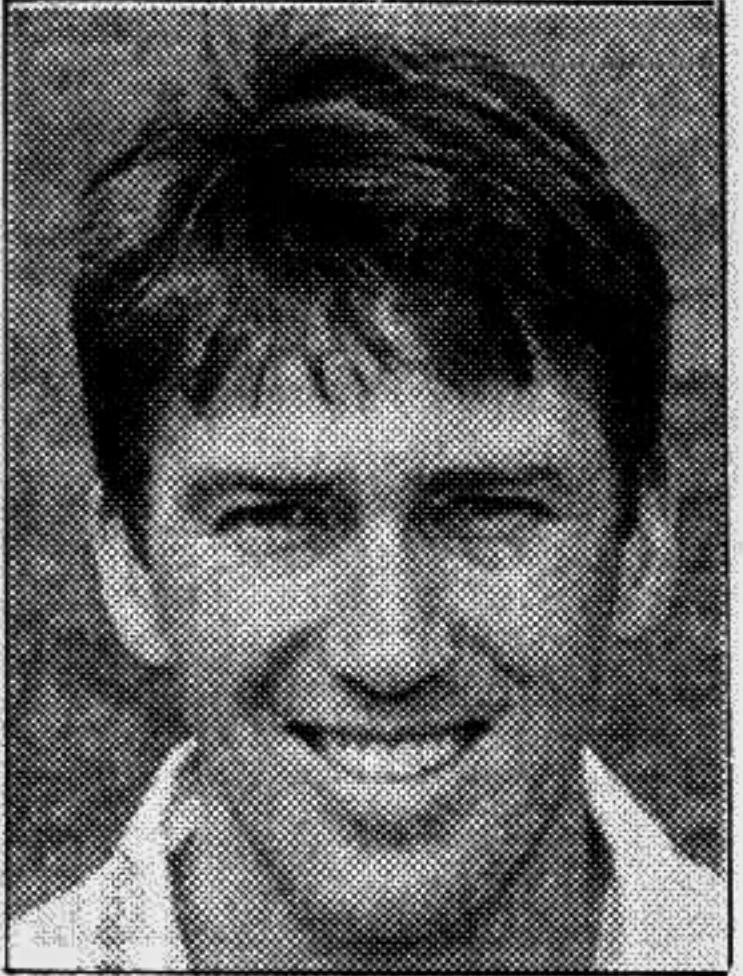
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Glenn McGrath

(Australian fast bowler)
"My game plan was to get (the ball) up there, get him coming forward and get the edge that way. And that's the way it turned out."

After dismissing Sachin Tendulkar in the Super Six.

Vialli gives up playing career

ROME, June 6: Chelsea player-manager Gianluca Vialli has decided hang up his soccer boots and end a 19-year professional career as a player, reports AP.

"From now on I'll only be a coach," the 34-year-old Italian told Rome's sports daily Corriere dello Sport.

"It's time I become a more conventional coach, Italian-style — thus I will stop trainings and warmups. I hope I can stop. Everything I think of it, it wrings my heart," Vialli said.

Vialli started his professional career with Cremonese in 1980 and then played with such great teams as Sampdoria and Juventus.

He joined Chelsea in 1996 as a player and then eventually replaced Ruud Gullit as a manager.

About a possible return to Italy as a coach, Vialli said he first wanted to complete his contract with Chelsea through 2001.



England's David Beckham (R) tries to get past Swede Fredrik Ljungberg (No 8) during their Euro 2000 qualifier at Wembley on June 5. The match ended 0-0. — AFP photo

World champs go down



PARIS, June 6: World champions France lost, Czech Republic have almost certainly qualified and major teams Spain, Italy and England had mixed fortunes on a Saturday night of Euro 2000 qualifiers, reports AFP.

Most spectacularly of all, Valery Karpin's late goal earned Russia a 3-2 victory over France to end the Hosts' unbeaten record at their Stade de France venue where they won last year's World Cup.

Alexander Panov opened the scoring on 39 minutes before Emmanuel Petit and then Sylvain Wiltord put France back in the driving seat with second half goals. But a torrid final 15 minutes for France, with further goals from Panov and then Karpin, sealed their group 4 defeat.

It was France's first defeat at their futuristic Stade de France base since it was inaugurated on January 28 last year with France's 1-0 victory over Spain. It was also their first loss under coach Roger Lemerre and, most importantly of all, their first as world champions.

Before a goal was scored, France had a goal disallowed when Marcel Desailly won the ball and fed Christophe Dugarry who set up Nicolas Anelka. Anelka's cross-shot was deflected in by Dugarry but English referee Paul Durkin ruled that the Marseille man was offside.

France are now only third in Group 4 with Ukraine, who beat Andorra 4-0, topping the group and Iceland, who won 2-0 at home to Armenia, in second spot.

Goalkeeper Fabien Barthez said afterwards: "The last time I let in three goals playing for France was against Norway before the World Cup. But tonight was an official match which is much more important.

"But it's the whole team which lets in three goals and not just the defence. But it's not over yet and we still have four matches left to play."

In Group 1, Italy stayed on course for a place at the European championships when they cruised to an easy 4-0 victory over rivals Wales.

On a day when Italian sport was devastated by cycling hero Marco Pantani's blood test fail-

ure, national pride was restored by first-half goals from Christian Vieri, Filippo Inzaghi and skipper Paolo Maldini. Late substitute Enrico Chiesa completed the rout.

Italy were patient and totally in control of the match, biding their time before striking at the heart of the Welsh defence. Wales kept fighting, but technically and tactically were out of their depth.

The victory in front of 12,000 fans kept Italy top of their group with 13 points from five games, with a decisive encounter next Wednesday way to main opponents Switzerland.

Jan Heintze scored for Denmark in a 1-0 victory over Belarus in the night's other Group 1 fixture.

Norway's 2-1 win in Albania in a controversial fixture shot them further ahead in Group 2.

The Kosovo crisis had cast a shadow as Norway midfielder Oyvind Leonhardsen, who plays for English side Liverpool, refused to travel because of the security situation.

Tottenham Hotspur's Steffen Iversen shot Norway away after just two minutes but Igli Tare equalised on 18 minutes. Tore Andre Flo settled the match six minutes from time.

In other Group 2 matches, Greece won 2-1 in Georgia and hosts Slovenia beat Latvia 2-1.

Turkey joined European champions Germany, who thrashed Moldova 6-1 on Friday, at the top of group 3 with 12 points after a 4-2 win in Finland with two goals coming from the Bosphorus Bull Hakan Sukur.

In Group 5, Paul Scholes became the first England player in history to be sent off in a Wembley international on Saturday as Kevin Keegan's team were held to a 0-0 draw with Sweden.

Scholes, who scored a hat-trick on his last Wembley appearance in March against Poland, saw red for two desperately late challenges, leaving a disjointed-looking England to play almost the entire second half with 10 men.

Sweden created all the best chances with the outstanding Fredrik Ljungberg striking the bar with a free-kick and creating several other clear openings which his teammates squandered in front of a 75,824 crowd.

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Bhupathi, Paes make Indian history

PARIS, June 6: Top seeds Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes won the French Open men's doubles title to make history here on Sunday as the first Indian pair to taste Grand Slam success, reports UNIS.

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State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader will witness the match and distribute trophies.

Bhupathi lost to Badda Jaganah by a solitary goal in the first-leg semifinal and beat them 3-0 in the return leg. Mukti Jodha drew with Mohammed SC 1-1 in the first leg and won the return-leg semifinal by 1-0 goal.

Schools cricket final today

ANE Grindlays National School Cricket

Mymensingh Zila will take on Tangail Bindubasini High in the final of the ANZ Grindlays Bank 17th national schools cricket championship will be held today at the Tangail Stadium, reports UNIS.

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