Bangladesh may get direct

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The annual general meeting of the ICC associate members and election of three members from the group to ICC executive board will be held on June 22. Representatives from seven countries, including Saber Chowdhury from Bangladesh, will contest the elections for three posts. Other countries are Kenya, Denmark, Malaysia, Argentina, West Africa and Gibraltar.

BCB general secretary Syed Ashraful Huq will contest the election to ICC cricket committee membership.

Proteas receive

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my future with (United Cricket Board managing director) Dr Ali Bacher when all the dust has settled," Woolmer said later. "But for the moment want a long rest and there's a book to write.'

Despite the welcome, the team were clearly still suffering from the effects of the tied semifinal that could so easily have ended with them playing Pakistan in Sunday's final.

"It's been a hard three days." opening batsman Herschelle Gibbs said. "I think we're all still battling to come to terms with it. That's what's going to be the biggest challenge now. The South Africans were

favourites going into the tournament and won their opening group. But they then lost twice to Australia in succession, the second time off a run out in the final over of the semifinal.

Despite promises by harassed airport officials, the team did not leave the building through the departure hall but slipped out of a side entrance.

When it was announced that the team had already left, many young children were left in tears after not seeing their heroes.

MCC contented

From page 13 the way the tickets had been al-

located. "We're obviously disappointed more ordinary fans of both teams who are in the final could not attend the match, but unfortunately we are constrained by the capacity of the

ground," said the ECB state-

Highlights of six finals

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He top-scored with 72 then watched as Wasim Akram, the present captain, ripped through the England middle-order. 1996 - Sri Lanka beat Australia by seven wickets.

Sri Lanka had set the pace during tournament through the pyrotechnics of opener Sanath Jayasuriya. He failed in the final but Ar-

avinda de Silva (107) and captain Arjuna Ranatunga (47) ensured Sri Lanka easily overhauled Australia's 241.

Retirement not

From page 16 the reason why three batsmen were out during the last over. "With four runs needed off seven balls there's no need for a mes- sage, it's just common sense." Azharuddin said.

Gaekwad writing in the same issue of the magazine said that no such instructions were sent. "I wish Sunil had checked with me before demanding an inquiry. Even if such instructions were given, how many of our last four batsmen, except Javagal Srinath, were dismissed hitting across the line?" Gaekwad

Azharuddin again emphasised that he had his own style of captaining the team and he did not believe in sending out messages when players could judge by themselves. He said that even in the match against South Africa he did not think it was necessary to send out a message to accelerate when the score was 190 for one. "When you look at the scoreboard you should be able to judge and decide for yourself," Azharuddin

The stylish middle-order batsman who has been struggling with his batting form also said that his team was not consistent even though they had big partnerships. Too much of cricket also reflected on the performance of the team according to him. "If you play 100 matches you can't win them all...l don't want to go against the board but the schedule is tough. Azharuddin said. -India Abroad News Servic

Life came to

From page 16 positions on the field.

Those who don't have a TV set of their own have arranged to either spend the day at a friend or relative's house or have saved up their wages for weeks to rent a set.

Around 30 million people are expected to watch the coverage, sources at the state-owned Pakistan Television estimated. As television stations began

broadcasting songs specially written for the match, petrol stations set up scoreboards for the benefit of passing motorists.

And if Pakistan does win, the country is likely to light up as reports say many people have quietly stockpiled fireworks.

"If they win, we will give them an historic welcome," said fan Saeed Khan, ruling out the chances of a defeat.

The News daily published free "good luck" messages for the cricket team. One message said "a team of flair, with wise players, wishes and prayers, will win the World Cup and make nation feel proud."

Tickets in high demand

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ery from the pavilion end to Saeed Anwar. Some had come from as far as Glasgow and Southampton. Londoners without tickets were more sensible in staying home and watching on television. The match was being telecast LIVE on BBC and Sky Sports channels, the first time in the tournament that two channels in Britain were allowed simultaneous rights to the event. Despite that, a few fans climbed atop the buildings around the stadium for a free peep, reminding one of the Shilpa and the Rajuk Bhaban back home.

There was brisk business in selling Pakistani flags and whistles, both legally importable into the ground. The Aussies, they came prepared with their brown kangaroos. Judging from the size of the meal being consumed, many were obviously having breakfast at the ground. On the menu were freshly made sandwiches, baguettes, burgers, and fish and

Security was toughened for the final. Right from the bus and underground stations, the crowd was policed. Bags were

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the toss in previous four games

- at Lahore, Peshawar and

Karachi in 1998 and Melbourne

in 1997 - but Australia won

each of those games by six

wickets five wickets, 86 runs

and three wickets respectively.

Steve Waugh have both said

they'd like to win the toss and

SECURITY DOUBLED

organisers are panning to dou-

ble security for the Australia vs

Pakistan final at Lord's on

Sunday and have called in extra

police in a bid to ensure the de-

cider isn't ruined by over-en-

thusiastic fans swarming the

pitch in the critical last overs,

Australian captain Steve

"I would not want to see

Waugh said the extra security

(fans) running out there if there

is one over left and everything

to play for," he was quoted say-

said the Pakistani supporters

have made his players feel at

home with their vocal support

but he hoped they wouldn't in-

vade the field and wreck the

BEVAN THE

BRADMAN!

fleet footed Michael Bevan

needed any praise, there is

plenty coming from his skip-

one day cricket what Sir Don-

ald Bradman was to Test

nius, he has a head start on the

other mere mortals who ac-

company him and oppose him

on the field," Waugh wrote in a

ture generations in "much the

same way" as Bradman is for

how vital Bevan is in Australi-

and his speed were seen to the

full in the remarkable semifi-

nal victory over South Africa at

Birmingham when he top

scored with 65 and saved many

a boundary which fielding at

direction of his throw, the

South Africans balked at tak-

ing a second or third run when

be contesting the 100 meters fi-

nal at the Sydney Olympics

next year, such is his phenome-

once of Yorkshire and set to re-

joins Sussex next season on a

three-year contract, came into

erage of 62.19, double that of

Waugh and around 23 runs bet-

ter than the next highest Aus-

the PriceWaterhouseCoopers

ratings of one-day interna-

tional players, with 36 more

points then South Africa's

Lance Klusener and 75 superior

to Indian master Sachin Ten-

dulkar, placed third in the elite

MCGRATH TO

REPLACE MOODY

tralian fast bowler Glenn Mc-

Grath is set to replace country-

man Tom Moody as Worcester-

shire's overseas player next season, reports AP.

McGrath, playing for his country in Sunday's World Cup

final at Lord's, has been offered

a two-year contract to play in

the seasons 2000 and 2002 ei-

ther side of Australia's tour of

committee chairman Martin

Horton confirmed that the

country had agreed terms with

the 29-year-old paceman who

was wanted by three other coun-

Worcestershire is reported to be paying McGrath 100,000

pounds for each of his two sea-

the start of the season that he

wanted to play county cricket in

England and Worcestershire is

hopeful the Australian Cricket

signed yet for Worcestershire

but it is pretty certain that he

will," Horton said. "Everything

"Glenn hasn't actually

Board will not block the move.

McGrath indicated before

Worcestershire cricket

England in 2001.

WORCESTER. June 20: Aus-

He currently sits on top of

Cup with a lofty one-day av-

The left handed Bevan, 29,

nal speed," Waugh wrote.

tralian, Ricky Ponting.

the World

Bevan was picking up the hall.

Faultless with the power and

"If he wanted to, might well

Revan will be revered by fu-

Those statements emphasise

Bevan's talents with the bat

newspaper column.

Test cricket, he wrote.

a's one day them.

mid-wicket ropes.

LONDON, June 20 (AP): If the

Steve Waugh says Bevan is to

"Blessed with a touch of ge-

Rival skipper Wasim Akram

was for the good of crickets.

LONDON, June 20: World Cup

bat first on Sunday.

reports AP.

game.

cricket.

Captains Wasim Akram and

The Pakistan skipper won

checked and till the writing of this report no fireworks were heard. Police on horseback were also called in to maintain peace, and there was no breach

But then, unlike in all other World Cup matches featuring Pakistan, their fans were heavily outnumbered in this one by the 'casual neutrals' as one English journalist described himself and me. It was definitely a mixed crowd and a lack of consolidation of supporters of either finalist would have greatly relieved the organisers.

The final was without the lengthy rituals that constitute any such event in the subcontinent. And, this from a country that thrives on ceremonial traditions! The only 'rajanigandha' fragrance at the beginning of the final was the appearance of the Duke of Edinburgh Prince Phillip, a chief guest as our convention goes. Teams, officials and umpires were presented to the royalty, who ex-changed a few words with some of the players. ICC chairman Jagmohan Dalmiya tagged behind.

The hand that the Duke shook, Umpire David Shepherd

is sorted. His agent has gone

back to the ACB to formally re-

quest permission for Glenn to

play for us and we are waiting

want a fast bowler to play

county cricket but I understand

they had previously stated they

would not stand in Glenn's

10-year spell in England which

began with Warwickshire in

1990 before he moved on to

CRICKET'S DISCIPLE

one TV commentator put it, if

cricket is a religion then Abul

Jalil is its first fundamentalist

man from Pakistan has not

missed a home match since

1984 and over the past five

years has travelled to India, Sri

Lanka, Bangladesh, Sharjah

and now England to cheer for

Guardian newspaper reported,

he did it without spending a

single penny on flights, ac-

commodation or match tickets.

after by Pakistanis in other

countries, including in Eng-

ers of this World Cup have come

to know Jalil's moustacheless.

silver-bearded face as cameras

have zoomed in on him count-

less times at Pakistan matches.

showing him dancing ecstati-

cally with arms raised toward

matches wearing a green robe

and scarf, the national colour

of Pakistan, always managing

to get tickets even though Pak-

istan games were a sell out be-

players, Jalil is known as

"chacha" or uncle in Punjabi

and Urdu, and fans queue in

hundreds to take photographs

or take his autograph at

like my children," he was

quoted as saying. "I love to fol-

low the team and make them

happy. That's my job now," he

six children, took the role of

Pakistan's chief cheerleader

after he lost his job in an engi-

PUNTERS PUZZLED

bookmakers are found it tough

to split Australia and Pakistan

and come up with a clear

favourite for Sunday's final at

fered odds of 10-11 for both

teams, while rival William

Hills offered odds of 8-11 on

Australia to win and even

money for Pakistan. A third

company, Coral, listed both

teams at joint 5-6 favourites.

Taylor's caution

LONDON, June 20 (Reuters/

Internet): Former captain Mark

Taylor is hoping Australia will

remember lessons learned from

their defeat three years ago

Pakistan in Sunday's World

Taylor captained Australia in that Lahore final in March

1996 and he said during a BBC

interview on Saturday there

were many similarities in the

way the team had progressed in

markable tie against South

Africa in this year's semifinal,

he recalled that Australia had

also faced an exhausting match

against West Indies three years

ago to win by five runs and earn

their place in the final against

around we were almost ex-

hausted," Taylor said. "I know,

senior members of the Aus-

tralian party realise that

they've got to put that game

(against South Africa) behind

them and gear up for Sunday

because they've got another big

tremendous form. "They've got

match winners both with the

bat and the ball. Australia are

going to have to play at their

best to beat Pakistan and they

three years ago will be well

"So hopefully the lessons of

He said Pakistan were in

"By the time the final came

Commenting on the re-

Sri Lanka when they face

against

Cup final at Lord's.

both tournaments.

Sri Lanka.

game."

all know that.

On Saturday, Ladbrokes of-

neering factory 15 years ago.

match," he said.

Jalil, who is married with

"I can't keep away from a

LONDON, June 20 (AP): The

"The fans and the players are

matches, the Guardian said.

To the Pakistani fans and

fore the tournament.

He has always appeared at

He has usually been looked

Millions of television view-

During that time, the

The 50-year-old unemployed

LONDON, June 20 (AP): As

neighbour Worcestershire.

"They might not particularly

Moody has decided to end his

confirmation.

preacher.

Pakistan.

land

the heavens

raised it sometime later for the wrong reason. The burly umpire was again at the centre of conversation. This time for giving Inzimam-ul-Haq unbelievably out caught behind off a ball that slow-motion replay showed was

nowhere near his bat. Shepherd also blundered at Edgbaston last Thursday by giving South African captain Hansie Cronje out caught at slips when the ball had hit his toe.

But, as Pakistan's winning captain of 1992 Imran Khan explained, 'they do not have the benefit of television replays' and that umpires 'were human too'.

Steve Waugh's Australia began the final as slight favourites after their extra-ordinary tied match against South Africa in the semifinal. But Pakistan were more than capable of winning. Whoever does shall be carrying home the first permanent cricket World Cup, all eleven kilos of it.

Two nations were waiting for the Cup. The rest of the world would applaud one for the feat and empathise with the other. Both Pakistan and Australia wanted to evade the lat-

Legend of the trophy

LONDON, June 20: The 11kilogram (24.2-pound) World Cup trophy, crafted in silver and gilt, took two months to prepare in the workshop of crown jewelers Garrad, and is the first permanent prize in the history of the 24-year-old tour-

Valued at more than 27,000

Apart from the trophy. the 12 teams in the tournament played for a total of 1 million dollars - the biggest prize money in the history of the game. 300,000 dollars were allocated for the winners, 150,000 for the runners-up and 100,000 each for the losing semifinal-

The remaining money was A team of craftsmen spent

the Garrad workshop to create the 60-centimetre (2-feet) trophy, engraving and gilding the globe and turning the wood for the base, which is inscribed with the names of the previous champions: the West Indies (1975 and 1979), India (1983) Australia (1987). Pakistan (1992) and Sri Lanka (1996). There is room for the next 12

champions. sented to the 1999 champions keep permanently.

Lucky room for 'em LONDON, June 20 (Reuters/

Internet): Australia will have their "lucky" dressing rooms at Lord's for Sunday's World Cup final against Pakistan.

visitors.

ories from those rooms from playing here on Ashes tours," Australian captain Steve Waugh said.

nament, reports AP.

pounds (43,200 dollars), the trophy features a golden globe in the form of a cricket ball held aloft by three silver columns styled as stumps and bails. Each column has the World Cup logo on the inside.

split between other teams. more than 500 man hours in

Although the trophy will remain in possession of the International Cricket Council, a replica identical in every detail except for the inscription of the previous winners will be pre-

Australia asked for the less

fashionable visitors' changing rooms instead of going through the normal process of tossing a coin to see who would have the home side's facilities which are more spacious than that for the "We've got a lot of good mem-

"The players have their favourite spots in the room and they go straight to them. We feel very comfortable there."

Pre-match euphoria

LONDON, June 20 (Reuters/ Internet): Hundreds of Pakistani fans swarmed around Lord's ahead of the World Cup final against Australia on Sunday, blowing whistles and setting off fireworks, but that was as near to the pitch as most of

them would get. A Sunday morning snooze was not an option for the residents of the expensive flats around the world's most famous cricket ground as the six-week tournament reached its climax. Despite the occasional rain shower, Pakistani fans were in-

tent on enjoying themselves, watched by police on horseback The atmosphere was boisterous but friendly. One elderly Englishman, sporting a grey moustache, blazer and striped tie, stood in astonishment taking in the scene.

If he was a member of the Marylebone Cricket Club, the famous institution based at Lord's, he would certainly have had a better chance of seeing the game than the fans who had followed Pakistan around Britain over the past six weeks.

Many of the fans did not have tickets for the sold-out game. One man arriving in a taxi was asked by two people if he had tickets to sell before he had even got out of the cab outside the 30,000-capacity ground. One Pakistani fan stood at

the media entrance reading the accreditation tags of the reporters entering the ground. One journalist called Peter

entered Lord's. Seconds later the fan shouted: "Oh, Peter, you remember me, don't you?" Inside the ground there were no large groups of either set of supporters. Chanting and

drum-beating, a feature of other games, were not to be heard. Organisers have been widely criticised for not holding back tickets to sell after the semifinals to the fans of the winning teams. The game was sold out

months ago. The atmosphere was a model of British reserve. The entrance of the teams was greeted by polite applause.

About 100 Pakistan fans were perched on the roof of a block of high rise flats just outside the ground, waving flags and trying to get a glimpse of the game.

World Cup chiefs had warned fans on Friday they would be thrown out of the final if they let off fireworks. Exuberant Pakistani fans

celebrated their team's defeat of New Zealand in Wednesday's semifinal at Old Trafford by lighting fireworks during and after the game. The semifinal was held up

just before the finish by a pitch invasion of Pakistani fans.

Rowdy fans HONG KONG, June 20: Sev-

eral Malaysian players were hurt today when they were attacked by at least 100 Nepalese fans who invaded the pitch in the dying seconds of an Olympic football qualifying game here, reports AFP.

The Malaysian goalkeeper was helped off the pitch clutching his ribs and grimacing in He was among several play-

ers punched and kicked by the invading fans after Nepal equalised in the last minute. "The cause of the incident

was that a Nepalese fan picked up the ball after they scored and Malaysian players went after him and attacked him," said Hong Kong Football Association official Peter Leung. Police helped the referee and

players off the pitch, with some of the Malaysian footballers "running for their lives", an AFP photographer said. Calm was eventually re-

It was not the first time his

His former contract was so

lucrative that Rome residents

reportedly accused the dairy

magnate owner of the club of

putting up milk prices to pay for

years of his childhood in

Sydney, shrugs off the contro-

versy, saying it doesn't bother

are worth the money," he told

world. I just try to do my work."

all over the world," he said. "I

hope to find a girl and get mar-

In Italy he is instantly

"The only thing they talk

recognisable and he enjoyed the

about in Italy is soccer - morn-

ing and night and I'm happy no

one recognises me here," he

said, adding that being sur-

rounded by fans was a challenge

he said. "And I'm very happy

with the life I have. My dream

"You can't have everything,"

haunts.

Harbour.

to any local girls.

ried sooner or later.'

anonymity in Australia.

but he had a "dream life."

has come true."

Sydney's Sunday Telegraph.

But Vieri, 25, who spent 10

'You have to show people you

salary attracted criticism.

stored but the game was abandoned, leaving the Asian Football Confederation to rule on whether the 1-1 scoreline will stand as the final result or whether a replay is needed. Rosy days

for Vieri

SYDNEY, June 20:

Christian Vieri.

the world's most

expensive foot-

baller, says he is

savouring the dre-

am life but all his money goes to

all to my mother," he said. "I

don't even know where it goes."

pleted a 50 million US dollars

move from Lazio to Inter Milan

in Italy, sparking a hostile re-sponse by the Vatican's daily

newspaper which described it as

"an offence against poor peo-

Earlier this month he com-

"The money I make, I give it

his mum, reports AFP.

- Lost to South Africa at **PAKISTAN** Brisbane by 20 runs. - Beat Australia at Perth by 1975 in England Finished fifth after one win 48 runs. - Beat Sri Lanka at Perth by and two losses. - Lost to Australia at Head-4 wickets - Beat New Zealand at ingley by 73 runs. - Lost to West Indies at Edg-Christchurch by 7 wickets. baston by one wicket.

LONDON, June 20:(AP): Fol-

Finished third after two

- Beat Canada at Headingley

- Beat Australia at Trent

- Lost to England at Lord's

- Beat Sri Lanka at Heading-

- Lost to England at Old

- Beat New Zealand at Trent

- Lost to the West Indies at

Finished third after five

- Beat Sri Lanka at Hyder-

- Beat England at Rawal-

- Beat West Indies at Lahore

Beat England at Karachi

- Beat Sri Lanka at Faisal-

- Lost to the West Indies at

- Lost to Australia at Lahore

1992 in Australia and New

wins, three losses and a no-re-

Melbourne by 10 wickets.

Lost to the West Indies at

- Beat Zimbabwe at Hobart

lowing is how Australia and

Pakistan have performed in

previous World Cups:

Bridge by 192 runs.

wins and two losses.

1979 in England

Bridge by 89 runs.

ingley by 14 runs.

The Oval by 43 runs.

wins and four losses.

baston by 52 runs.

Trafford by 7 wickets.

the Oval by 8 wickets.

wins and two losses.

pindi by 18 runs.

abad by 113 runs.

Karachi by 28 runs.

by one wicket.

by 7 wickets.

Semifinals

by 18 runs.

by 53 runs.

Zealand

1987 in India and Pakistan

abad, Pakistan by 15 runs.

Bridge by 11 runs.

1983 in England

by 8 wickets.

Semifinals

by 50 runs.

by 8 wickets.

Semifinals

ley by 11 runs.

Semifinals - Beat Sri Lanka at Trent

at Adelaide.

43 runs.

- Beat New Zealand at Auckland by 4 wickets. Final

- Beat England at Mel-

Their World Cups

bourne by 22 runs. 1996 in India, Pakistan and Sri

Lanka Finished fifth after four wins and two losses.

 Lost to England at Head-- Beat UAE at Gujranwala by 9 wickets. - Beat Netherlands at La-- Lost to the West Indies at hore by 8 wickets.

- Lost to South Africa at Finished fourth after three Karachi by 5 wickets. Beat England at Karachi - Beat Sri Lanka at Swansea by 7 wickets. - Beat New Zealand at La- Beat New Zealand at Edghore by 46 runs. Quarterfinals

> Lost to India at Bangalore by 39 runs.

AUSTRALIA 1975 in England Finished second after three ·

wins and two losses. - Beat Pakistan at Headingley by 73 runs. - Beat Sri Lanka at The Oval by 52 runs. - Lost to West Indies at The

Oval by 7 wickets. Semifinals - Beat England at Heading-

ley by 4 wickets.

- Lost to West Indies at Lord's by 17 runs. 1979 in England

Eliminated after first round where it lost two matches and won one. - Lost to England at Lord's by 6 wickets. - Lost to Pakistan at Trent

Bridge by 89 runs. - Beat Canada at Edgbaston by 7 wickets. 1983 in England Eliminated after first round

Won the World Cup after six where it lost four matches and won two. - Lost to Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge by 13 runs.

- Lost to the West Indies at Headingley by 101 runs. — Beat India at Trent Bridge

- No result against England - Lost to India at Sydney by

by 162 runs. Beat Zimbabwe at Southampton by 32 runs. - Lost to the West Indies at Lord's by 7 wickets.

- Lost to India at Chelmstford by 118 runs.

1987 in India and Pakistan Won the World Cup for the first time, winning seven matches and losing one. - Beat India at Madras by one run

 Beat Zimbabwe at Madras by 96 runs. - Beat New Zealand at Indore by 3 runs. - Lost to India at New Delhi by 56 runs. Beat New Zealand at

Chandigarh by 17 runs. Beat Zimbabwe at Cuttack by 70 runs. Semifinals - Beat Pakistan at Lahore by

18 runs. Final

- Beat England at Calcutta by 7 runs. 1992 in Australia and New Zealand

- Lost to New Zealand at Auckland by 37 runs. - Lost to South Africa at Sydney by 9 wickets. - Beat India at Brisbane by

one run. - Lost to England at Sydney by 8 wickets. - Beat Sri Lanka at Adelaide

by 7 wickets. Lost to Pakistan at Perth by 48 runs. Beat Zimbabwe at Hobart by 128 runs.

 Beat West Indies at Melbourne by 57 runs. 1996 in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Finished second after winning five, losing two and forfeiting one. - Lost to Sri Lanka by default at Colombo (Australia failed to appear)

- Beat Kenya at Vishakhapatnam by 97 runs. - Beat India at Mumbai by Beat Zimbabwe at Nagpur

by 8 wickets. - Lost to West Indies at Jaipur by 4 wickets. Quarterfinals Beat New Zealand at

Madras by 6 wickets. Semifinals - Beat West Indies at Mohali by 5 runs.

- Lost to Sri Lanka at Lahore by 7 wickets.

Mark Ramprakash added 44.

But Tolley put paid to the re-

mainder of an innings that

The Outlaws then ambushed

the Crusaders' attack to get

home by five wickets with al-

stuttered to 197 for eight.

Final

Hussain's reminder



LONDON, June 2 0: England captainin waiting Nasser Hussain gave the selectors a nudge with a hundred to lower the colours of leaders Yorkshires in the National

League Saturda, reports AFP. Meanwhile, as Glamorgan Dragons were registering record low of just 44 in a 143run Division Two defeat by Surrey Lions at The Oval, Essex Eagles captain Hussain was flying at Headingley.

He hit 114 out of 241 for seven, as his team inflicted Phoenix's first defeat of the season in the top flight of the oneday league as the Eagles pulled themselves off the bottom of the

Yorkshire's Aussie Greg Blewett took a long time over making 48 at the top of the order but the rest of the Phoenix line-up could not rise to the challenge.

Yorkshire's nearest pursuers Worcestershire Royals - in the absence of non-playing Lancashire Lightning - narrowed the gap at the top to four points via a thrilling one-run win over neighbours Gloucestershire Gladiators. The Royals could make only 184 all out in their full 45 overs

batting first despite a half-century from Paul Pollard (53). But Gloucestershire also failed to come to terms with conditions and were all out from the penultimate ball of the match.

Leicestershire Foxes kept Hampshire Hawks struggling near the bottom of the table with a three-run victory in another nail-biter, after one-time England one-day aspirant Darren Maddy had hit an unbeaten

In Division Two, Somerset Sabres went clear at the top thanks to a six-wicket win over Derbyshire Scorpions at Taunton.

catnap

But it was hapless Glamorgan who provided the main talking point, subsiding to an undignified end in just 17 overs against resurgent seamer Martin_Bicknell. Left-arm seamer Chris Tol-

ley took four for 34 and then hit an unbeaten 21 for Nottinghamshire Outlaws, as Middlesex's miserable week continued at Trent Bridge. Fresh from an embarrassing

defeat by Cambridge University at Fenner's, there was no respite for the Londoners after a short trip up the A1. Mike Roseberry hit 50 at the

top of the order, and captain

e most four overs to spare thanks to an unbeaten half-century from Graeme Archer (53no). Bottom-of-the-pile Durham Dynamos remained pointless after a 77-run Duckworth-Lewis

mauling at the hands of Northamptonshire Steelbacks. The visitors hit 201 for five in 33 overs, with 86 from captain Matthew Hayden and 42 from fellow opener Mal Loye.

Church calling Roa PALMA: Spain.



gentina national team goalkeeper Carlos Roa may quit football on Sunday for religious reasons,

June 20: Ar-



his coach at Spanish First Division side Real Mallorca Hector Cuper said on Saturday,

Cuper said: "I told him: 'Carlos, heaven can wait but not football. Think about it." Roa, who was outstanding as Argentina reached last year's

World Cup quarter-finals and

in Real Mallorca's run to the

Cup Winners Cup final, believes his profession is incompatible with certain aspects of his faith (he is a member of the Adventist Church). For instance he is forbidden to work on the sabbath. "I spoke to him and gave him my point of view but he replied that he had taken his decision added Cuper.

and nothing or nobody would make him change his mind," Sunday's match with Valencia could be the last ever for

Roa has two years left on his deal with the Balearic islanders, currently second in the Spanish league, and club president Antonio Asensio hopes still to dissuade Roa from leav-

However, he is already in negotiations with another Argentinian goalkeeper German Bur-

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for "nose"

42 Hiatus stocking "I've trained hard the last couple of years to try and be one stuffer of the biggest players in the 9 Apprehend word 12 Bewildered 48 "Hail!" to He left Australia for Italy 13 Basilica Saturday after a week of partyarea ing in Sydney and visiting old 14 Blunder 15 Stressful tion "He hasn't had any sleep type? since he arrived," said close (abbr.) friend Atillio Labbozzetta, with 16 Tabula whom Vieri launched an Italian 17" restaurant in Sydney's Darling lineman..." 53 "Norma 18 Exagger-Rae" But he has not lost his heart 19 Samuel's "I think the women are nice teacher

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23 Emulate

37 Hwy.

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locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN GENERAL, YOU COULD SAY THAT CANINES PURSUE THEIR PREY Today's Cryptoquip clue: R equals N
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to

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