

celebrated his Derby county championship with the first century of the son in the new two-day format on Friday, re Reuters.

The former Northamptonshire captain, 64 now overnight, completed painstaking hundred hours 20 minutes off 284 on the third day of the one game against Leicester at Derby.

He was last man out bowled by Vince Wells for a home total of 359. While light forced an early finish Leicestershire were 100 for still needing a further 1 avoid the follow-on.

At Canterbury, England rounder Andy Flintoff made top score of 77 in Lancashire's first innings total of against Kent who were 1 one when play was abandoned because of rain.

In division two 19 wickets tumbled on a rain-affected wicket at Trent Bridge Nottinghamshire's Mills took five for 153. Northants were dismissed.

Then former England man Devon Malcolm (5-44) Darren Cousins (4-34) ran Notts to 40 for eight. They covered to 79 for nine then David Lucas's career-best out.

New Worcestershire captain Graeme Hick hit a quick off 80 balls with 13 fours side's 206 for seven at Glamorgan at New Road.

Match-fixing Bombay actor arrested

NEW DELHI, Apr 29: Police on Friday arrested Bombay actor Krishan Kumar in present in judicial custody for Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) violation case after the Supreme Court granted his anticipatory bail from Delhi High Court in the national match-fixing case reports PTL.

The police took him into custody immediately and he was produced by Tihar authorities before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Sangeeta Dhirgal, who had issued a warrant against him in FERA case.

Kumar was immediately produced before Metropolitan Magistrate K S Mohi, and he was kept in custody for five days police to facilitate his inter-

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BARISAL, Apr 29: Welfare Association and Rising Star Eleven were respective matches in First Division cricket here today, reports BSS. Players Welfare Association defeated Rupatali Eleven by 25 runs.

Batting first, Players Welfare scored 154 runs in 33.3 overs.

In reply, Rupatali Eleven were all out for 1 in 30 overs.

New Rising Star smashed Shamsul Haque Smriti Eleven by eight wickets. Shamsul Haque Khan were bundled out for 1 runs in 19.4 overs.

In reply, New Rising Star reached the target of 6 losing only two wickets in 30 overs.

Australia eliminated

MOSCOW, Apr 29: France moved a step closer to the Cup semifinal with a 2-1 victory over Australia in Pool C World Group tie today, reports Reuters.

The French, who last were knocked out by Russia in the first round, now have wins after routing the hosts on Thursday, and take on Belgium to decide the pool winners on Saturday.

Australia's defeat means they are eliminated.

French doubles pair Nathalie Tauziat and Julie Halard-Decugis scored the winning point by beating Alicia Molik and Rennae Stubbs 6-0, 7-6.

After losing the opening set in just 17 minutes, the Australians battled back in the second to force a tiebreaker.

But the experienced French duo kept their cool in the tiebreaker, prevailing 7-3. Halard-Decugis, who was responsible for two points against the Russians on Thursday, clinched the tie with a powerful service winner on a second match-point.

Nathalie Dechy put the French ahead 1-0 after she beat Nicole Pratt in the opening match 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

The French woman made a key break in the fifth game of the final set for a 3-2 lead. She then took the next three games to clinch the win in two hours and 42 minutes.

"I lost my concentration in the second set and allowed my opponent to come back in the match," said Dechy, who was making her Fed Cup debut.

"So I had to remind myself to keep trying and play my game. I was very confident in the third set and that helped me to finish off the match."

Jelena Dokic levelled the tie at 1-1 for Australia, winning her second match in two days. The 17-year-old Dokic, urged on by a sparse Moscow crowd, overpowered Sandrine Testud 7-6, 5-7, 3-6 in a contest lasting almost two hours.

up an air of optimism" semifinal, reports Reuters.

Moya took 75 minutes to dispose of number nine seed Tommy Haas of Germany 6-4, 6-4, while Ferrero spent much the same time in clinching a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Chilean fourth seed Marcelo Rios.

The two unseeded clay court specialists turned in near faultless displays to dispose of better-ranked opposition.

The other semifinal will see Russian Marat Safin take on either Younes El Aynoui of Morocco or Sweden's Magnus Norman.

Their quarterfinal was suspended because of rain with the Swede leading 4-2 in the opening set. The two will resume on Saturday at 1000 GMT, weather permitting.

Safin served up the biggest upset of the tournament so far when he beat third seed Nicolas Pietrangeli of Ecuador 7-6, 7-5.

The powerful Russian, winner of just four matches all season before this week, took 88 minutes to blast past Pietrangeli who had looked a likely bet for the title.

Moya's victory over Haas saw the Mallorca-born player nearing his best after long-running back problems.

His forehand was as dangerous as ever but his serve and backhand were also in tune. He will start as favourite to repeat his third-round success over Ferrero last year.

"It should be a very hard game," said Moya. "My tactic will be to play from the back of the court, stretching the play, but if that doesn't work we'll have to see."

It was a strategy that bore little fruit for Rios, who fell

in his first game.

Rios improved in the second set but was still making too many unforced errors to threaten serve and he was broken in the final game, double-faulting on the first of two match points.

No one was more pleased with his game than Safin, who is benefiting from a change of coach made after the latest in a long line of first-round exits at Monte Carlo last week.

"Andre told me I would have to do everything he tells me and so far that's been working well."

After an early exchange of breaks Safin did not allow Pietrangeli a single break point for the rest of the match.

He took the first set tie-break 7-3 and as Pietrangeli started to get frustrated by his lack of opportunities Safin broke him at 5-6, the Ecuadorian putting a volley wide on the first of three match points.

their side failing to their second defeat of the round robin tournament.

On Thursday, Croatia lost by the same scoreline to 1992 champions Germany, who will now take on Spain in the decisive match on Saturday evening.

Anke Huber will lead the German assault in the singles before teaming up with Barbara Rittner in the doubles.

before the dust has settled over a fiasco that left thousands unable to get tickets to their favourite events, the organisers decided only the food and drink to be sold by official caterers and sponsors would be permitted.

"It's very clear in implementing the policy that we will not stop people from bringing small amounts of snack food, fruit, sandwiches or indeed plastic bottles of water," Richmond said.

tion Commissioner Chris Pulpick. He described the food ban as a "commercial rip-off" and this week had encouraged people to defy it, pledging to back those who did so.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 - 12 Job
 - 13 Poiny portrait
 - 14 "Zip-Do" counter-
 - 15 Exchange premium
 - 16 Pattern
 - 18 Storm
 - 20 He's had some bad hare days
 - 21 Do tilework
 - 22 Sis's counter-
 - 23 Bring the food
 - 26 Quick-drying paint
 - 30 Past
 - 31 Lubricant
 - 32 Trench
 - 33 Batter-dipped seafood
 - 36 Babe Ruth's number
 - 38 Remnant
 - 39 Method
 - 40 Won every game
 - 43 Simon, a.k.a. The Saint
 - 47 Wordily
 - 49 Headlight?
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 - 51 "Monty Python" opnor
 - 52 Czech track star
 - 53 Standout
 - 54 Scroogean
 - 55 Archibald of basketball
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 - 2 Theater
 - 3 Actor
 - 4 Streisand
 - 5 Easy mark
 - 6 Lond a surroptious hand
 - 7 Rep's rival
 - 8 Full speed for Trigger
 - 9 Leading man
 - 10 Apportion
 - 11 Juror, suppos-
 - 17 Hair salon request
 - 19 Listening device
 - 22 - canto
 - 23 Garfield
 - 24 Candle count
 - 25 Heathcliff or Garfield
 - 26 "Sister, Sister" otherwis
 - 27 Screw up
 - 28 Wish
 - 29 Noshed
 - 31 California
 - 34 It's gone through the mill
 - 35 "Do - others..."
 - 36 Lid for a lad
 - 37 It's good if you break your word
 - 39 - terrier
 - 40 Day town
 - 41 Gradually put onto solid food
 - 42 Host of Et's "Fashion Emergency"
 - 43 Farewell
 - 44 Mongolian monk
 - 45 Hit bottom
 - 46 Portrait
 - 48 Tease

Solution time: 28 mins.

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Yesterday's answer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A STUPID ROBBER HELD UP AIR-CONDITIONED BANKS, THINKING HE'D GET COLD CASH.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals T

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 locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Russian Elena Likhovtseva pumps her fist after winning against Nicole Pratt of Australia in the Fed Cup in Moscow on April 28. —AFP photo