

## Sheringham to stay another year

LONDON. May 18: Manchester United striker Teddy Sheringham on Wednesday agreed to stay at the club for another year after manager Sir Alex Ferguson assured him he has a big part to play at Old Trafford next season, reports AFP.

The 34-year-old could have moved to another club on free transfer but instead has signed a new one-year contract with the Premiership champions.

Sheringham, who came on as a substitute to score the vital equaliser in last year's Champions League final triumph, had been worried about being pushed further into the background.

But Ferguson's assurances convinced Sheringham he has at least another year at the very top of English football.

Sheringham, who joined for 3.5 million pounds (5.6 million dollars) from Tottenham in 1997, said: "I am really pleased that the matter has been resolved and that I am remaining a Manchester United player."

"All the players retain a real hunger for honours and we want to emulate the success of recent years, particularly that of 1999."

I have had a fabulous three years with the club and have decided to stay in an attempt to win more trophies."

Sheringham only scored six goals for United this past season but most of them were crucial, including the equaliser in the 1-1 draw at home to Arsenal in January that proved an important psychological blow in the race for the Premiership.

### Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA. May 18: Young Boys and Independent Club won their respective matches in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium today.

Young Boys defeated Surja Tarun by eight wickets while Independent beat Akai Smriti Sangha by three wickets.

### BRIEF SCORES

**SURJA TARUN CLUB:** 83 all out in 24.5 overs (Shameem 14, Rashed 13, Liton 11; Shekhor 2/6, Masud 2/13, Jewell 15).

**YOUNG BOYS CLUB:** 84 for 2 in 9.5 overs (Masud 27, Sajid 27 not out, Shekhor 11; Shameem 1/7, Sohel 1/13).

**AKAI SMRTI SANGHA:** 96 all out in 24.5 overs (Arif 23, Imon 12, Bappy 7; Rubel 3/8, Haradhan 2/9, Sumon 2/19, Prince 2/20).

**INDEPENDENT CLUB:** 97 for 3 in 15.2 overs (Biswa 30, Rubel 29, Haradhan 14; Rimon 1/15, Arif 1/20).

### Danes reach final

KUALA LUMPUR, May 18: Denmark's women reached the Uber Cup badminton team tournament final for the first time in 40 years on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Defending champions China and the Danes scored identical 3-0 wins over semifinal opponents Indonesia and South Korea.

China, with players all ranked among the world's top five, made light work of Indonesia and are favourites to add their seventh title in the final on Saturday.

Indonesia's defeat marked the first time they have failed to make the final since 1992.

Denmark needed only 87 minutes to outclass the Koreans who could only provide a token resistance to the European champions.

World number one Camilla Martin easily beat Kim Ji-hyun 11-5, 11-7 while Mette Sorensen took only 37 minutes to defeat Lee Kyung-won 11-8, 11-3 and collect Denmark's second point.

Rikke Olsen and Helene Kirkegaard beat scratch pair of Lee Hyo-jung and Chung Ja-hee 15-5, 15-6 to complete the rout.

But Denmark coach Kenneth Larsen recognised the big task ahead saying of China: "They have all the top players."

### Schumacher the footballer

COLOGNE, Germany, May 18 (AFP): Ferrari's Formula One star Michael Schumacher switched his red racing overalls for shorts and football boots Tuesday and took part in a training session with Bundesliga club Kaiserslautern.

Schumacher's passion for football is well known and he often plays in Formula One celebrity teams for charity as well as for the local club in the Swiss village of Uffelns where he lives.

The German dual world champion is currently back on home soil to contest this Sunday's European grand prix at the Nurburgring.

He was flown in by helicopter Tuesday morning as part of a public relations exercise by a company which is a major sponsor of both Kaiserslautern and Schumacher. The German driving star even managed to score a goal.

"It was a great feeling (to score) but the boys didn't take the whole thing all that seriously, they didn't attack me that hard," Schumacher said.

"I got along with everyone well, but mainly with Youn Djorkaeff who I practised my Italian with. I also got along well with Mario Basler."

Coach Otto Rehhagel handed over a Kaiserslautern shirt with Schumacher's name embossed on the back as a memento of the occasion but that wasn't enough to tempt the Formula One pilot to turn his back on the team he really supports.

## Aymes keeps Hants afloat



LONDON. May 18: Hampshire wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes was the hero against Leicestershire at Grace Road on Wednesday - holding a shaky innings together with a painstaking 74 not out in his first County Championship day one on 285 for eight in their Division One clash.

Aymes, returning to the side after a knee operation, batted for just over four hours to keep the Leicestershire attack at bay and lead bottom-of-the-table Hampshire to 227 for nine by the close in the Division One encounter.

Earlier, they had been in real trouble at 149 for eight. But Aymes and Simon Renshaw shared a ninth-wicket stand of 64 in 22 overs to frustrate the home side.

Leicestershire's weakened attack - they were missing James Ormond and Chris Lewis because of injuries - were on top for most of the day, Phil DeFreitas claiming three for 36 with some impressive bowling.

Winning the toss, Raktumukut decided to bat first and made 101 runs losing all the wickets in 35 overs.

In reply, Showkhin collected 102 runs losing 9 wickets in 22.5 overs. Shakti of Showkhin Club was adjudged man-of-the-match.



An unidentified England fielder (C) taking a tumble while trying to stop the ball during the opening day of the first Test against Zimbabwe at Lord's yesterday. — AFP photo

## Riley misses Olympic bus



SYDNEY. May 18: It all ended in tears for Samiha Riley after she missed her last chance at the 200m individual medley trials to swim for Australia at the Sydney Olympics in four months' time, she said.

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The disappointment left Brown shattered. She watched the 1996 Olympics from home and retired after failing to make the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games.

But she returned to the pool last year for another shot at Olympic glory, winning her first international title in the 200m breaststroke at the world

championships in Athens in March.

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