

## Sforza wanted back

COLOGNE, Germany, May 21: Swiss international Ciriaco Sforza has probably played his last Bundesliga game for Kaiserslautern after the club confirmed on Saturday that champions Bayern Munich want to sign him and have officially been in touch, reports AFP.

### England zap

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himself Strang then got a lucky inside edge for four down to the Pavilion railings, 13 runs coming off the over.

Last man Mpumelelo Mbanga caught the mood, producing a textbook clip through midwicket for four against Caddick.

But next ball he backed away like a true No.11 only to see the ball take the inside edge and beat Alec Stewart's despairing legside dive before it went for a far luckier boundary to fine leg.

The last-wicket pair gave a sparse crowd plenty of entertainment frequently going for and missing big hits.

But now and then they came off Strang hitting a tremendous backfoot drive against Gough through mid-off for four and two balls later advancing down the wicket to pull him for another boundary.

In between Gough hit Strang on the hands but it hardly seem to make any difference, Gough's two comeback overs from the Nursery End going for 23 runs.

It could not last and Caddick concluded the match bowling Mbanga for eight after the ball appeared to deflect off the batsman's helmet.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the first Test between England and Zimbabwe at Lord's on Sunday:

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings 83 (E Giddins 5-15, A Caddick 3-28)

**ENGLAND:** First innings 415 (A Stewart 124 n.o., G Hick 101, M Atherton 55; H Streak 6-87, G Whittall 3-27)

**ZIMBABWE:** Second innings (overnight 39-5)

G Flower lbw b Gough 2  
Gripper c Knight b Gough 5  
Goodwin lbw b Caddick 11  
Campbell lbw b Gough 4  
Murphy lbw b Giddins 14  
A Flower lbw b Gough 2  
Johnson c Hick b Caddick 9  
Whittall c Hick b Caddick 23  
Streak c Knight b Giddins 0  
Strang not out 37  
Mbanga b Caddick 8  
Extras: (lb-1; nb-7) 8  
Total: (All out in 38.2 overs) 123

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-7, 3-18, 4-33, 5-36, 6-49, 7-74, 8-74, 9-92, 10-123

**Bowler** O M R W  
Gough 15 3 57 4  
Caddick 162 5 38 4  
Giddins 7 3 27 2

**Man-of-the-match:** Ed Giddins (England)

**Umpires:** P Willey, D Orchard

### Warne work

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sured Nottinghamshire overcame the early loss of Darren Bicknell to reach the safety of 207 for eight, despite four wickets for Gloucestershire's Australian seamer Ian Harvey.

At Hove Vikram Solanki's 98 for Worcestershire helped them to 311 for eight declared against Sussex.

The hosts then struggled to 114 for seven in their second innings. Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath taking two for 22

### BRIEF SCORES

England County Championship score summaries on Saturday:

#### Division One

At Derby: Derbyshire (10pts) drew with Yorkshire (10pts); Derbyshire 303 and 209-1 (S. Stubbs 84 n.o.) and Yorkshire 349 (D Lehmann 133, V Craven 58; M Cassar 6-76)

At Leicester: Leicestershire (9pts) drew with Hampshire (8pts); Hampshire 229 (A Ayres 74 n.o.) and 123-8 (P De Freitas 4-41) and Leicestershire 289 (N Burns 67 n.o., A Habib 66; S Warne 5-86)

#### Division Two

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire (8pts) drew with Gloucestershire (9pts); Nottinghamshire 215 (G Welton 74; J Lewis 5-55) and 207-8 (J Harvey 4-63) and Gloucestershire 290 (M Alleyne 126; P Franks 4-43, D Lucas 3-92)

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire (10pts) drew with Essex (8pts); Warwickshire 400-8 declared (D Ostler 144, N Smith 68 n.o.; D Law 5-78) and Essex 298-4 (R Irani 91 n.o., S Law 83)

At Hove: Sussex 258 (G McGrath 5-54) and 114-7 and Worcestershire 311-8 declared (V Solanki 98; J Kirtley 3-79)

### Rookies stars

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**Bowler** O M R W  
W Akram 33 9 84 2  
Waqaar 17 2 72 2  
Mushtaq 22 2 65 0  
Razzaq 16 3 50 1  
Saglani 51 10 121 5

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings

M Wasim not out 53  
Nazir not out 94  
Extras: (lb-2; w-1; nb-2) 5  
Total: (No wkt in 40 overs) 152

To bat: Younis Khan, Inzamamul Haq, Younis Youhana, Moin Khan, Abdur Razzaq, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saglani Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Ambrose 7 3 21 0  
Walsh 11 2 5 0  
King 8 0 31 0  
McLean 4 0 20 0  
Adams 4 0 30 0  
C paul 2 0 13 0

### FA Cup

## Di Matteo does it again



LONDON, May 21: Chelsea won the 72nd FA Cup final at Wembley on Saturday beating Aston Villa 1-0 with a goal from Roberto Di Matteo after 73 minutes securing the trophy, their third ever and second in four years, and a place in next season's UEFA Cup competition, reports AFP.

The Wembley showpiece was the last final to be played at the national stadium before it undergoes a multi-million pound reconstruction starting in October, including the removal of the famous twin towers.

Di Matteo, capped 34 times for Italy, struck with 17 minutes to go, lashing home from close-range after Villa keeper David James failed to hold Gianfranco Zola's free-kick.

The 29-year-old Italian wrote himself into the record books in the 1997 final by scoring the fastest Wembley cup final goal ever after 42 seconds in Chelsea's 2-0 triumph over Middlesbrough.

The first time I scored it was for my sister ... this time it's for my girlfriend!" the Italian said.

Chelsea's Italian coach, Gianluca Vialli, who had been under pressure after Chelsea failed to qualify for Europe through the Premiership, was a relieved man.

"We were the better team but they made it hard for us," he said.

"However, this is a just reward for us as we have played very well this season without a lot of luck and the players have performed well under all the pressure," he added.

Chelsea captain Dennis Wise, who had a goal ruled out for offside early in the second-half, choked back the tears.

"I thought my goal was good but it doesn't matter now as I am going to climb up the steps and collect the trophy ... we deserve it!"

Aston Villa's former England international midfielder Paul Merson, a Chelsea supporter, was philosophical in defence.

"They pulled away from us in the second-half and were far and away the better team," he said.

"They did things that we couldn't even dream of doing and showed us what a gap there is between the top five teams in the Premiership and the rest like us.

"It's disappointing obviously but if you don't take half chances against teams of that quality then you pay for it," he added.

George Weah was the surprise inclusion in the Chelsea side with the Liberian striker being preferred by Vialli instead of Norwegian Tore Andre Flø.

There were no surprises in the Villa line up with Ian Taylor and George Boateng getting the nod in midfield while Benito Carbone was preferred up front to Julian Joachim.

A mass of fireworks greeted the two teams as they stepped out onto the pitch - but when the action got underway there were few early goalmouth scares.

After a tentative start by both teams the game sprang into life after 10 minutes.

Wise unleashed a right-foot volley on the edge of the box after Gianfranco Zola's cross was headed clear but the Chelsea captain's effort was comfortably saved by James on his goalline.

A minute later Mark Delaney went tearing down the right wing before crossing for Dion Dublin whose header was deflected wide of the upright.

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home. Wise ran off celebrating but Poll had already blown the whistle for an offside decision against Weah.

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