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PHF chief sacked

KARACHI, June 18: Pakistan Sports Board has sacked Arif Abbasi, president of Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF), for alleged mismanagement, officials said today.

The move deepens already plaguing Pakistan field hockey. "Arif Abbasi has been removed in the wake of mismanagement in PHF," a board announcement said.

The decision to dismiss Abbasi was taken after he refused to quit, it added.

I have not been informed about my removal and the sports board has no authority to remove me," Abbasi told AFP.

Windies end

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square-driving Caddick for four and cover-driving the same bowler for another boundary.

Giddins suffered too, Adams manufacturing an extraordinary pull shot that saw the ball pierce the gap between keeper and leg gully for four.

New batsman King repeated defensive stroke, keeping Adams company for a 40 ball one, before being stumped by Stewart off Croft.

England will need to regroup quickly — there are just 12 days before the second Test at Lord's.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard at close of the third day of the opening Test of five in England and the West Indies at Edgbaston on Saturday.

ENGLAND: First innings 179 (Courtney Walsh 5-36)				
WEST INDIES: First innings (Jimmy Adams 98, Shivnarine Chanderpaul 73, Sherwin Campbell 59, Brian Lara 50; Darren Gough 5/109)				
ENGLAND: Second innings				
Atherton	b King	19		
Rampersad	b Walsh	0		
Hussain	c Jacobs b Walsh	8		
Hick	c Jacobs b Walsh	0		
Stewart	b Rose	8		
Knight	c Hinds b Adams	34		
Flintoff	b King	12		
Croft	c Hinds b King	4		
Caddick	c Hinds b Rose	23		
Gough	not out	0		
Giddins	b Adams	0		
Extras	(lb-7; w-1; nb-8)	16		
Total	(All out in 58 overs)	125		
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-14, 3-14, 4-24, 5-60, 6-78, 7-83, 8-94, 9-117				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	14	8	16	0
Walsh	19	10	22	3
Rose	10	1	43	2
King	9	4	23	3
Gayle	3	0	4	0
Adams	3	1	5	2

Result: West Indies won by an innings and 93 runs and lead series 1-0.

Man-of-the-match: Courtney Walsh.

Second Test: June 29-July 3, Lord's.

But Saturday's 1-0 win for Keegan's side ended that long wait, and could well avenge those exits by dumping Germany out of Euro 2000. A draw against Romania on Tuesday would finish the job - and be very popular in England.

The people at home may enjoy it even more than we do, because in three days' time we've got another big game here against Romania," Keegan said.

Due we've now got something on the Germans and it's their turn. We play them again soon and it's their turn to come and stop that.

"And I would like to think that we can make them pay - like they've made us pay for the last 30 odd years.

"We've got to play them again in October and it'll be another hard game."

Paying tribute to his men,

supporters made sure it was the right stadium.

"I'm sure if you talk to the German players, despite the disappointment, they'll say it was one of the greatest atmospheres they've ever played in.

"Hopefully, there'll be better classic games... but this was the most important one. There was a lot of pressure on all the players, both the managers, and I thought it was a real man's game here tonight."

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But the brilliant all-rounder, putting the allegations of match-fixing behind him, came up with a splendid performance that brought a premature end to the Test, which finished inside four days on Saturday.

Akram's extraordinary contributions of 78 and 20 not out and five wickets in the second innings, the first of which gave him his 400th Test wicket, spoilt whatever hopes Sri Lanka had of making the century Test a memorable one.

They lost by five wickets at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground to trail 1-0 in the three-Test series.

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The second Test starts at the Galle International Stadium on Wednesday.

Hewitt, Sampras in final

LONDON, June 18: Lleyton Hewitt's teenage legs proved too much for 35-year-old Gianluca Pozzi of Italy, but the young Australian had to fight hard to advance 6-1, 6-4 on Saturday into the final of the 800,000-dollar Queen's Club tournament, reports AFP.

Hewitt will meet second seeded Pete Sampras of the United States in the final and will be looking for his first win against the former world number one after the two-time champion beat Italy's Davide Sanguinetti 7-5, 6-3.

Pozzi celebrated his 35th birthday on Saturday but could not give himself a victory present.

The 19-year-old Hewitt, a winner this season of three titles, finally overcame the wily touch-shooting veteran to clinch victory in 80 minutes.

Hewitt needed six match points before finally booking his place in the final.

Sampras' job was no cake-walk either, with the Italian, who was a surprise quarterfinalist at Wimbledon in 1998, saving seven match points and Sampras complaining about the pitiful state of his serve.

Pozzi forced a break point a game later, but returned wide to squander it.

into the net for another break point, again the teenager saved it as Pozzi's return landed just long.

Hewitt sent a backhand wide on his third winning chance of the afternoon as Pozzi's game continued to plug the leaks and was good enough for the break, 3-5.

Hewitt earned a fourth match winner, but lobbed long. Pozzi stayed alive for 4-5 but netted a forehand to yield three more match points for the seed.

Hewitt wasted one butaced on his sixth to score the win after 80 minutes.

"I got off to a good start in both sets, but my serve let me down for a little while," said the winner.

"I didn't give him a look-in at the start," he added.



Dutch Richard Krajicek hits a return against German David Prinosil during the final match of the Halle Open yesterday.

ports being made in Cape Town and elsewhere to rid cricket of the disease that some fear may kill the very redibility of the game," Lara said.

Pakistan take a step towards their goal

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England custodian David Seaman (L) consoles German counterpart Oliver Kahn after their Euro 2000 clash at Charleroi on June 17.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	43 Round holders, in St. Ives	44 Dull	45 McBeal's field	46 Chewed scenery	47 Schwarzenegger's co-star	48 Actor aftermath	49 Rhododendron	50 First Little Pig's housing	51 Run up the phone bill	52 First Little Pig's housing	53 Run up the phone bill	54 First Little Pig's housing																
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Yesterday's answer

cent contribution since his unbeaten 146 in the Boxing Day Test against South Africa in Durban. He failed twice at Edgbaston even after he was dropped twice in the second innings.

He praised the West Indies for making maximum use of the conditions. "I think we can play better than that, we were bottom end of the conditions a little. They used conditions better than we did both with bat and ball."

After taking the entire morning session, to take the last three West Indies wickets, England were bowled out in their second innings in just 59 overs.

"They are all good readers of the game," Hussain said of the West Indies. "We'll look at it as a team and everyone in the team will agree their bowlers got more out of the wicket and their batsmen were much more fluent on it as well."

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: A LIBRARIAN FRESH OUT OF SCHOOL COULDN'T BE ALL THAT SHELF-CONFIDENT.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: I equals Y

The Cryptquip 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.