

Brazil offers to train local booters

BSS, Dhaka
Brazil has offered to train two Bangladesh footballers and agreed to extend local hospitalities for three months training period to the nominated players.

The offer was made by Sao Paulo Football Club when Bangladesh Jute Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmad visited this club recently.

Booters' bourse pushed back

SPORTS REPORTER
The inter-club footballers' transfer for the Premier Division Football League, which was scheduled to begin today, has been put back by another four days.

Aussies warm up well too

AFP, Brisbane
Australia warmed up for a three-match one-day cricket series against Pakistan with a 72-run win over state team Queensland in a limited-overs match on Sunday.

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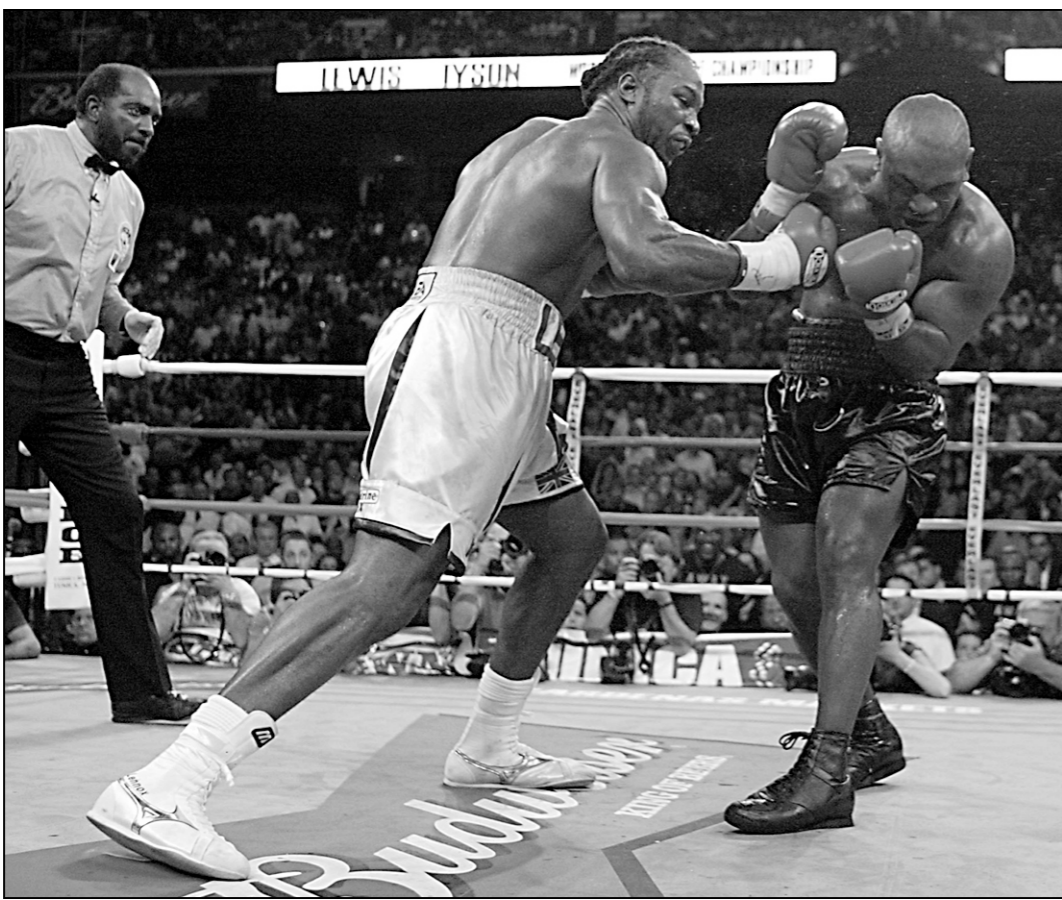


PHOTO: AFP
GOING INTO HIDING? Lennox Lewis (C) of Britain forces Mike Tyson to look for cover during their World Heavyweight Championship fight at The Pyramid in Memphis on June 8.

Lewis levels Tyson

Boxing
AFP, Memphis
Mike Tyson learned the hard way that he bit off a little more than he could chew when he sank his teeth into Lennox Lewis.

been punished round after round by the champion's superior jab and solid rights and uppercuts.
"No one gets away from my jab," Lewis said. "Basically I wanted to stay to the game plan, use the jab. He was still determined, still tough."

thumping his chest with his title-taking right glove, Tyson tried to rise in vain, then was counted out and spent several moments in the arms of referee Eddie Cotton.
"You were the best in the world when you were 19," Lewis told Tyson after the fight. "Right now, I'm the best in the world and I proved it."

Lovely match

Tennis
AFP, Stockholm
It was a very special love match for tennis legend Bjorn Borg on Saturday when he married for the third time in an 18th century church on an island near Stockholm.

which was officiated by former Norwegian actress Annicha Gjoeravod, now a pastor -- included Borg's former coach, Lennart Bergelin, his son Robin and his father Rune.

a famous wooden motor launch once owned by the Swedish magnate Ivar Keruger, who died mysteriously in a Paris hotel shortly after the 1929 financial crash.

Green Delta hockey Usha prevail over Ajax

SPORTS REPORTER
Usha Krira Chakra registered their ninth win in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a 2-1 victory over Ajax Sporting Club in a lone return leg clash at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

ICC, players on war path?

INTERNET, London
A contracts row is brewing between the International Cricket Council (ICC) and leading players over sponsorship rights for the World Cup.

If unresolved it could lead to players boycotting functions involving the competition's major backers for fear of jeopardising deals with their existing sponsors.

The ICC has signed deals with a number of companies and part of those agreements is that players will endorse their products during the World Cup.

Batigol

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Batistuta's headed goal in a 1-0 win over Nigeria in Argentina's first Group F match was his 10th in three World Cups. He says he wants to break Gerd Mueller's record of 14 World Cup goals, scored for Germany in 1970 and 1974.

C'paul guides Windies

Cricket
REUTERS/AFP, Castries
Shivnarine Chanderpaul scored an electrifying 108 off 133 balls to carry the West Indies to victory over New Zealand in the second one-day international.

and Chris Harris kept the batsmen hemmed in for long spells, broken up by solid bowling by debutante Paul Hitchcock.

West Indies reached the target of 248 in 49.1 overs when Brian Lara sealed the game with a cover drive for four to take the home side to 250 for four.

Chanderpaul continued to accumulate and reached his 50 with another fine stroke to the offside boundary before Hitchcock bowled Sarwan.

Chanderpaul justified the decision to elevate him to the opening slot after batting well in the recent series against India, to give the West Indies a 1-0 lead in the series.

Hitchcock looked rattled when he bowled a high no-ball in the 46th over, but destroyed Hooper's stumps with a fine in-swinging yorker from the very next ball.

Tuffey was rewarded for his persistence when Gayle flighted a drive into Daniel Vettori's hands at mid-off.

Chanderpaul reached his 100 in the 48th over by nudging another Hitchcock yorker to fine leg, and received a standing ovation.

Gayle was lucky to escape when a Daryl Tuffey delivery seemed to carry to wicketkeeper Chris Nevin in the second over, but umpire Eddie Nicholls ignored the loud appeal.

New Zealand kept the pressure on when Vettori caught Ridley Jacobs from a Hitchcock delivery to leave West Indies needing 16 runs off 16 balls.

Serena now believes it

Tennis
AFP, Paris
Serena Williams celebrated her French Open victory over big sister Venus on Saturday by describing herself as the best player in the world.

quicker match.
"I'd come into the net more, the points would be quicker, I'd have more rhythm. We have done very well on clay, but on grass with our style of serving, the returns, it will bring out the best in us," said Serena who now has 15 career titles to her name as well as over seven million dollars in prize money.

"In my mind, Serena Williams has always been the best tennis player. I just didn't have the results to back that up, but I have always felt that I have been number one," said the 20-year-old American after her 7-5, 6-3 win which ended a three-year wait for her second career Grand Slam title.

Beating big sister again, if it happens, would not cause her any concern.
"Who forget about being sisters when we walk out there on the court. You are fighting and only thinking



SERENA WILLIAMS

Results here have certainly backed up her self-confidence. She came from behind to beat outgoing world number one Jennifer Capriati in the semifinals.

about winning, but after that it's back to normal," said Serena. That normality was resumed at the final's end when Venus joined the ranks of photographers on Philippe Chatrier Court to take family snaps of her sister with the Suzanne Lenglen Trophy.

Serena has also won four of the seven tournaments she has played this year and now has her sights set on repeating Saturday's win in four weeks time by snatching her sister's crown as the queen of Wimbledon.

"I think it's better that I won against Venus because at least we both took home the maximum amount of money and points," she smiled.

"We'll be in opposite sides of the draw again and I think that if we meet in the final it will be a much

When Serena played Kim Clijsters in the final, the crowd adopted the same response as their Florida counterparts were to do this year.

Mexico leave race open

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country.
But it was Ecuador's only serious assault on goal in the half as the Mexicans took almost total control, with around 80 percent of the ball, even though all the good approach work by Braulio Luna and Ramon Morales was swallowed up by the confident Ecuador defence.

with his legs from the lively Carlos Tenorio eight minutes from the end to ensure Mexico held out as Ecuador finished strongly, still seeking the equaliser.

Five minutes before the break, Joahan Rodriguez broke away but was checked by the Ecuador defence and scrambled the ball to Cuauhtemoc Blanco whose low shot lacked power and was held by Cavallos.

In the dying minutes, Marlon Ayovi had a perfect chance to snatch a point when he was teed up for a shot by Alex Aguinaga but he fired wide.

It was a similar story after the break as Mexico pressed forward, although with somewhat less enthusiasm as attack after attack foundered on some good, solid defending and it took just the one decisive moment of skill by Torrado to make the difference.

In a game which was played in a friendly spirit, the referee booked six players, five of them from Ecuador.

Borgetti stormed through in the last 20 minutes but his shot clipped the post and went behind to safety and it took a smart save from Perez

TEAMS
MEXICO: 1. Oscar Perez, 4. Rafael Marquez, 5. Manuel Vidrio, 16. Salvador Carmona, 6. Gerardo Torrado, 7. Ramon Morales, 11. Braulio Luna, 18 Joahan Rodriguez (19. Gabriel Caballero, 87), 9. Jared Borgetti (15. Luis Hernandez, 77), 10 Cuauhtemoc Blanco (13. Sigifredo Mercado, 90), 21. Jesus Arellano
ECUADOR: 1. Jose Cavallos, 2. Augusto Porozo, 3. Ivan Hurtado, 4. Ulises de la Cruz, 6. Raul Guerrero, 5 Alfonso Obregon (10. Alex Aguinaga, 58), 16. Kleber Chala, 19. Edison Mendez, 20 Edwin Tenorio (15. Marlon Ayovi, 35), 9 Ivan Kaviedes (18. Carlos Tenorio, 53), 11. Agustín Delgado.
Referee: Daami Mourad (Tunisia)

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Bowler, O, M, R, W. Includes scores for New Zealand and West Indies.

Refreshing

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"Rapaic and Olic made a difference. Their sheer pace and their strength brought about positive changes," the mercurial midfielder said.

Although the Croatians dominated most of the play with exhilarating counterattacks, complemented by short and snappy passing, it was the Italians who took the lead, through a superb header from Christian Vieri.

With his back to the wall and an early exit from the World Cup imminent, Jozic then sent 22-year-old Olic into the fray for his World Cup debut. Olic threw the Italian defence into disarray on several occasions before squeezing through a handful of defenders to put away Croatia's equaliser.

"I had hoped to start the match, but luckily it wasn't too late to bring us back into the match," Olic, the Croatian domestic league's top scorer, said.

Coach Jozic, who came under a shower of criticism for his defensive tactics against Mexico, was reluctant to single out any player or confirm whether the young guns had secured their place in the standard eleven.

"I think the new players influenced the game, but I cannot single out any player. I think the key player was the team," he said. "Ecuador is a new game, we will wait to see how they play against Mexico in their second match."



PHOTO: AFP
CONGRATULATIONS! Swedish tennis legend Bjorn Borg and his bride Patricia Oestfeldt come out of the Ingarog Church of Stockholm after their marriage on June 8.

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