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

The club also expressed keen interest to participate in the President's Gold Cup scheduled to be held in the near future.

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.

The four-day bourse will now begin from June 14. The Bangladesh Football

Federation (BFF) took the decision in a meeting late Saturday night. Although, the Dhaka Maha-nagari

Football League Committee (DMFLC), organisers of the Dhaka Leagues, was yet to make an official announcement about the new date but a DMFLC official confirmed last night that clubs have already been informed of developments

Originally trading was supposed to begin from June 1 to 4. But the DMFLC deferred it for ten days at the

Aussies warm up well too

AFP, Brisbane

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

Australia scored 226 for seven off their 40 overs with opener Matthew Hayden top-scoring with 78 and Jimmy Maher contributing 60.

Ricky Ponting's team then restricted Queensland to 154 for eight in reply. Leg-spinner Shane Warne finished with 2-19 from his eight overs while pace pair Glenn McGrath (2-25) and Brett Lee (2-27) were also impressive.

Australia open the three-match series against Pakistan at Colonial Stadium in Melbourne on Wednesday

The second match will be played at the same venue on Saturday with the third game at the Gabba in Brisbane on June 19.



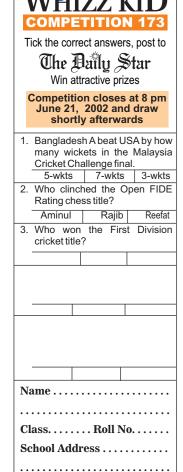
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GOING INTO HIDING? Lennox Lewis (C) of Britian forces Mike Tyson to look for cover during their World Heavyweight Championship fight at The Pyramid in Memphis on June 8.

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. Lewis flattened Tyson with a

powerful right hand after two minutes and 25 seconds of the eighth round here Saturday to retain his world heavyweight boxing crown. The British champion had defeated every other major foe of his era. "I wanted to complete my legacy,

wanted to prove to people I'm the best fighter on the planet," Lewis said. "I showed boxing who is the best in the world. I can adapt to any Lewis was especially happy

about beating the man who bit him on the left thigh last January in a brawl at a New York news confer-"This was my defining fight that

the whole world wanted to see," Lewis said. "This guy bit me and I just decided he was going to get some discipline. Britain's Lewis rose to 40-2 with

one drawn after his 31st pro knockout to keep the World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation heavyweight titles while former undisputed world champion Tyson fell to 49-4. After months of threats to brutal-

ize Lewis ended with Tyson taking a lopsided beating, the challenger heaped praise upon his conqueror.

"He's a magnificent, prolific fighter," Tyson said. "He was just

masterful, a splendid fighter." A punishing right hand to the chin spelled doom for Tyson, who had 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. "He can take a hell of a punch. I was shocked that he was able to

and he took them like a man." Tyson twice asked for a rematch with Lewis, who has also mentioned retirement as a possibility.

take them. The punches were hard

"He should continue fighting," Tyson said. I would love for him to give me another chance." Lewis was quiet about his future

"Anything is possible," Lewis said. "I'm going to take it one day at a time. If the public demands (a rematch), we should do it."

Lewis scored with uppercuts and used his left jab to set up his powerful rights, Tyson becoming more and more reluctant to even try and get within the champion's reach as the

Lewis inflicted steady punishment throughout the seventh round, staggering the former champion with a flurry of six punches to Tyson's head in rapid succession. But Lewis' trainer, Emanuel Steward, remained worried about Tyson's knockout power.

"Emanuel told me to take him out earlier. He was pleading with me." Lewis said. "I was just waiting for the

A Lewis uppercut made Tyson squat early in the eighth round and seconds later, two more punishing uppercuts set the stage for the left jab and powerful right to the jaw that sent Tyson to the canvas on his

With Lewis nodding his head and

Usha prevail over Ajax SPORTS REPORTER

Green Delta hockey

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

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

Tim May, chief executive of the

go on this issue and we are still trying to negotiate," he said.

rather than later so players know what the ground rules are, but we are running into a bit of a problem.

always try and negotiate around the "The last thing we want to do is put the ICC in an embarrassing situation, but we do not want one of

serious legal trouble." The ICC endured a similar situation six years ago during the 1996 World Cup when Coca-Cola

sponsored the tournament. Major rivals Pepsi had signed up

Batigol

they are too similar in style.

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

The winners led the first half 1-0. Indian Brojen Singh put Usha ahead with a field goal in the 22nd minute while striker Habul doubled the margin in the 62nd minute. Proshanto scored a consolation goal for Ajax through the game's third field goal in the 66th minute.

With yesterday's win, Usha raised their tally to 31 points from 15 matches while Ajax remained stuck on 13 points from the same number

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.

Federation of International Cricketers' Associations, is worried his members could be sued by their sponsors if they associate themselves with the ICC's partners. "There are four or five months to

"We have got to resolve it sooner

"Boycotting functions is not something we want to do and we will

our members finding himself in

the Indian team and they were told to avoid the drinks cart during matches as it carried the Coca-Cola

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improve his game -- and also be aiven better service.

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.

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 justified the deci-

slot after batting well in the recent series against India, to give the West Indies a 1-0 lead in the series. Chanderpaul and fellow lefthand opener Chris Gayle started briskly, coping well with the pacey

sion to elevate him to the opening

and Daryl Tuffey. Chanderpaul's wristy strokes provided a contrast to Gayle's powerful hitting and both men found

bowling of fit-again Shane Bond

the boundary early in the innings. Gayle was lucky to escape when a Daryl Tuffey delivery seemed to carry to wicketkeeper Chris Nevin in the second over, but umpire Eddie

Nichols ignored the loud appeal. Tuffey was rewarded for his persistence when Gayle flighted a drive into Daniel Vettori's hands at

Gayle scored 30 runs for an eleven-over stand of 55 with Chanderpaul

dropped sharply with the arrival of third man Ramnaresh Sarwan New Zealand set a more aggressive field and slow bowlers Vettori

The West Indies run rate

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

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

West Indies captain Carl Hooper then joined Chanderpaul and the run rate rose rapidly as both attacked the Kiwi attack. 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. Hooper scored 47 at a run a ball. Chanderpaul reached his 100 in

the 48th over by nudging another Hitchcock yorker to fine leg, and received a standing ovation. 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. But Lara and Chanderpaul

accumulated the remaining runs before Lara sealed the victory. Earlier Blacks Caps captain Stephen Fleming and Scott Styris provided some batting heroics as

New Zealand recovered from 114 for five to score 248 for seven in their 50 overs. Fleming scored 89 sharing in a crucial 91-run sixth-wicket partnership with Styris who scored a big-

hitting 85 to provide the backbone of

the innings. West Indies medium pace bowler Pedro Collins was the main threat finishing with three for 33 runs in nine overs.

Fleming b Gayle

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between New Zealand and the West Indies on Saturday: **NEW ZEALAND**

Astle b Dillon Nevin c Jacobs b Collins McMillan b Collins Harris Ibw b Collins Vincent b R Hinds Styris b Dillon Vettori not out Tuffey not out Extras: (w-4, lb-3) 7 Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) 248 Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-53, 3-55, 4-

55. 5-113. 6-203. 7-235 0 **Bowler** Dillon Cuffy 10 48 15

Gayle R Hinds 0 46 WEST INDIES Gayle c Vettori b Tuffey

Chanderpaul not out Sarwan b Hitchcock Hooper b Hitchcock Jacobs c Vettori b Hitchcock Lara not out Extras: (w-4, nb-4, lb-1) Total: (For 4 wkts in 49.1 overs)250

Fall of wickets: 1-55, 2-141, 3-225

Bowler Tuffey 36 59 0 Hitchcock 10 0 43 Vettori 10 0 54 39 Harris 10 18 Stvris Result: West Indies win by six wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Shivnarine Chanderpaul.

Serena now believes it

"I'd come into the net more, the



Serena Williams celebrated her French Open victory over big sister Venus on Saturday by describing herself as the best player in the

"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 threeyear wait for her second career Grand Slam title. Her first came at the US Open in 1999.

She added: "It's been three years since I last won a Grand Slam. I thought I would never get past the quarters again and it was kind of discouraging. I didn't want to be a one-hit wonder.

"When I was little I always dreamed of winning Wimbledon and the US Open while with the French Open I always wanted to win that because people said I couldn't play on clay -- that has always made me fight a lot harder.

Results here have certainly backed up her self-confidence.

She came from behind to beat outgoing world number one Jennifer Capriati in the semifinals. Then she clinched her fourth career win over Venus who will take over the world top spot when the new rankings are released on Monday with little sister just behind her.

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. "We'll be in opposite sides of the

Serena has also won four of the

draw again and I think that if we meet in the final it will be a much

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. Beating big sister again, if it

happens, would not cause her any "We forget about being sisters

when we walk out there on the court. You are fighting and only thinking



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.

"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. Saturday's final represented

another in a long line of benchmarks for the American duo

They took part in the first ever all-

which Venus won convincingly, and when Maud Watson beat Lilian Watson in the 1884 Wimbledon Furthermore, Serena is only the

in Grand Slams following their own

second black women's champion here since Althea Gibson triumphed

there was skullduggery afoot and that the result had been preordained

Wells in 2001.

When Serena played Kim Cliisters in the final, the crowd

Indian Wells in 2002, but still suspicion persists -- Capriati, after losing to Serena in the semi-final here, was hinting that the Williams' assault on the top two places in the world rankings were the result of some careful planning.

Serena says she is unconcerned

about the backbiters. "I think that Venus and I can build

a rivalry and that we will be able to play a lot of finals. We want to make a legacy and then retire as champi-

Mexico leave race open

FROMP AGE 13 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

territorial superiority tale and the equaliser came in the 28th minute when Jared Borgetti deftly turned Morales' cross past Jose Cevallos in the Ecuador goal. Five minutes before the break,

A minute later, Blanco chipped the ball over the defence but Cevallos was again equal to the task, gathering it before Luna could reach it.

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.

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

Ecuador finished strongly, still seeking the equaliser. 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.

players, five of them from Ecuador. In injury time, Blanco drew a fine save out of Cevallos as the 'keeper got down smartly to turn a low shot

Salvador Carmona, 6. Gerardo Torrado, 7. Ramon Morales, 11. Braulio Luna, 18 Joahan Rodriguez (19. Gabriel Caballero, 87'), Jared Borgetti (15. Luis Hernandez, 77'), 10 Cuauhtemoc

19. Edison Mendez, 20 Edwin Tenorio (15. Marlon Ayovi, 35'), 9 Ivan Kaviedes (18.Carlos Tenorio, 53'), 11. Agustin Delgado. Referee: Daami Mourad (Tunisia)

"Rapaic and Olic made a differ-

ence. Their sheer pace and their strength brought about positive changes, " the mercurial midfielder Although the Croatians domi-

lead, through a superb header from Christian Vieri. With his back to the wall and an early exit from the World Cup immi-

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.

enced the game, but I cannot single

Lovely match

Tennis

AFP, Stockholm It was a very special love match for tennis legend Bjorn Borg on

third time in an 18th century church on an island near Stockholm. He and his new wife, estate agent Patricia Oestfeldt, exchanged vows in front of 130 guests including many of his former tennis adversaries, according to Swedish daily Expressen, one of the few media organisations allowed to attend the

Saturday when he married for the

The five-time Wimbledon champion, 46, began dating Oestefeldt, 35, early last year and says she changed his life dramatically, ending his wild party streak.

"My old life is behind me," said Borg.

"Now I stay at home and watch
fotch Patricia's TV and go and fetch Patricia's children and Robin when I am able to see him.'

model Jannike Bjorling. Oestfeldt has two children from a previous The blond tennis star, whose good looks and icy calm won him the hearts of million of women, has a website which urges Europeans to have more sex and has said he

The winner of 62 tournaments, including six French Open titles and five Wimbledons, invited many friends from the tennis world to the wedding. Among the 130 guests were Ilie Nastase. Guillermo Villas. Henri

new wife.

Leconte. Andre Gomez. Jose Luis Clerk, Mats Wilander, Anders Jaerryd, Micke Pernfors and Jocke Nystroem Borg himself stunned the world of sport when he gave up playing at

the age of 26 in 1983. Witnesses to the marriage

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

father Rune. Famed Swedish opera singers Loa Falkman and Ann Sofie von Otter sang at the cermony, which

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. After the ceremony the newly weds sped by launch to a reception at a restaurant in nearby Vaermdoe. comprising beef and asparagus with Italian wine, followed by veal filet



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

thumping his chest with his titletaking 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." Tyson said he knew he needed more tough fights before facing

"I explained before I needed two

or three more fights, but if I did that

this fight might not have happened," Tyson said. Tyson had not lost since the infamous 1997 "Bite Fight" when he was disqualified for biting Evander Holyfield's ears. But he also had not spent so long in the ring and won since spending 1992 through 1995 n prison after a rape conviction.

Lewis rose to 14-2 with one draw

A brief first-round forearm to

in world title fights. Tyson fell to 11-4

in such bouts.

Lewis' throat was the only moment of dirty fighting Tyson displayed "I thought Mike was going to behave himself," Lewis said. "There

Extra safety measures were

were too many people watching."

deemed necessary after Tyson bit Lewis to make certain another prefight brawl did not erupt. A line of security guards stretched across the center of the ring from neutral corners as the fight began without a traditional touching

of gloves. The paid attendance was Some 600,000 advance pay-per-view telecast purchases gave promoters hope of record revenues from viewers around the

But, to do so, he will need to

with a parmesan gratin and gnocchi nasta and French wine. Dessert was a gratin of wild summer fruit with white chocolate. followed by wedding cake with

coffee, calvados, cognac or

Swedish punch.

proverb comes true.

Guests toasted the happy couple with the Swedish proverb: "The third time is the best." Borg, whose previous divorces proved to be emotionally and financially traumatic, must hope the

His first marriage to Romanian

tennis star Mariana Simionescu cost hin 100 million Swedish crowns (11 million euros) when it broke up, according to the Romanian press. When his marriage to his second wife, Italian singer Loredana Berte, 50, broke down she asked for a

crowns a year for the rest of her life. Expressen said Bertewas due on the wedding day to check out of a psychiatric clinic where she has been receiving treatment for depression since Monday.

Most wanted

settlement of 2.1 million Swedish

getting back to his best after years of injury trouble. "A lot of people are cheering for Brazil because of the glamour attached to them and because of what they have achieved in the

past."

"He's a superstar," she said of

the 25-year-old who has scored two

goals in two games and is slowly

route to their training camp in the eastern industrial city of Ulsan, beaming faces clustered around video cameras, pointing and laughing together as they relived the moment they had a close encounter with the legendary samba kings and their favourite son -- Ronaldo Luiz Nazario da Lima

confident Ecuador defence. However, it was only a matter of time before Mexico made their

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 Cevallos

It was a similar story after the As the team disappeared through the departure gate, en

Borgetti stormed through in the

with his legs from the lively Carlos Tenorio eight minutes from the end to ensure Mexico held out as

In a game which was played in a friendly spirit, the referee booked six

TEAMS MEXICO: 1. Oscar Perez, 4. Rafael Marquez , 5. Manuel Vidrio, 16.

Blanco (13. Sigifredo Mercado, 90'), 21. Jesus Arellano ECUADOR: 1. Jose Cevallos. 2. Augusto Porozo, 3. Ivan Hurtado, 4. Ulises de la Cruz, 6. Raul Guerron, 5 Alfonso Obregon (10. Alex Aguinaga, 58'), 16. Kleber Chala,

clash at the US Open last year,

However, matches between the two have not been without controversy in the past. The last time these two met was in the semi-final in Miami in March and such was the lop-sided nature of Serena's 6-2, 6-2 win on that occasion, that they were booed by a crowd convinced

Many in the sport allege that father Richard dictates to his daughters as to who will win on a particular day, a conspiracy theory fuelled by Venus's decision to forfeit her semifinal against little sister at Indian

adopted the same response as their Florida counterparts were to do this The sisters stayed away from

The French Open and Miami are the only two events in which the

sisters have competed together at the same time this year.

Refreshing

nated most of the play with exhilarating counterattacks, complemented by short and snappy passing, it was the Italians who took the

nent. Jozic then sent 22-vear-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.

"I think the new players influ-

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."