

'Lewis greater than Ali'

Boxing legend George Foreman believes British boxer Lennox Lewis is the best heavyweight of all time after he obliterated Mike Tyson in Memphis.

Lara takes WI to safety

Brian Lara hit an aggressive unbeaten 59 to lead the West Indies to a comfortable seven-wicket victory over New Zealand here on Sunday and an unassailable 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

Ramnaresh Sarwan, who stroked an elegant 42. Sarwan was the youngest first class cricketer in the West Indies when he played for Guyana at 15 and he and Lara put on a match-winning 77 for the third wicket before Sarwan was trapped leg before wicket by Chris Harris.

Simons new Protea coach

South African cricket authorities on Monday appointed former one-day national player Eric Simons as the Proteas' new coach following the sacking of Graham Ford after successive defeats to Australia this season.

Brian seems to be back

Brian Lara's match-winning innings in the third one-day international against New Zealand served notice that he was starting to get back to form, said the West Indian batsman.

Test series and a highest score of 36 in five one-day internationals. "I said in that first game against India that it would take a while to get to full form and fitness. I don't think I am anywhere near that yet but hopefully it will keep improving," Lara said.



West Indies star Brian Lara in action during his match-winning knock against New Zealand in the third one-day international on June 9.

Machines, men face off

Karlsruhe SC and VfB Stuttgart. "This is the first against the second and I like our chances." Germany looked revived as they opened their campaign with an 8-0 win over Saudi Arabia -- the highest total at a finals for 20 years -- but a 1-1 draw against a brave Ireland side followed, leaving them in danger of making an early exit.

"They have exceptional players but they also give you chances, as we saw against Saudi Arabia," Voeller said of his unpredictable opponents. "We are capable of beating them but we have to be highly concentrated at all times and must not drop too far back, like we did against Ireland. We must believe in ourselves."

Table with 2 columns: Probable Teams, Germany (Formation 3-5-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning) and Cameroon (Formation 5-3-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning).

Get it or go out

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Green Delta hockey Mariner climb upto second

Two goals by Pakistani recruit Yamin Bhatti propelled Mariner Youngs Club to reclaim second place of the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a 2-1 win over Bangladesh Sporting Club in their return leg clash at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Pacy promise

Both camps wish to play down the fact but there is no doubting that the series between Australia and Pakistan will boil down to a duel between the two most exciting bowlers in world cricket now.

doors, the wind would clearly be of assistance if it's behind you. But that's largely by the by. The fact is this series will be one of the most important indicators of form between now and the World Cup.



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Two of the three matches will be played at Melbourne's indoor stadium and bowling indoors will, in theory, make it harder to pass the magic 100mph barrier, because there is no wind to assist the pacemen.

Dr Rabi Mehta, a research fellow in the experimental fluid mechanics laboratory at the California's NASA Ames Research Centre, says high temperatures assist high bowlers.

Pak series down under?

Australia might host a three-game Test series against Pakistan in a reverse fixture later this year if Steve Waugh's side pull out of their tour of the subcontinent over security fears.

"We are in the process of evaluating every option, and would definitely like to hold the series in Pakistan as the first choice," PCB director Munawwar Rana told BBC.



NOTHING'S SWEETER: Spaniard Albert Costa kisses the French Open trophy after beating compatriot Juan Carlos Ferrero in the final on June 9.

From nobody to 'yesbody'

Carlos Moya and Sergi Bruguera winning the Roland Garros title and seeing contemporaries like Alex Corretja making the final that spurred him on.

cent of my life and now it's not. I have my two little babies. I love them a lot and when I lose a match I think 'I'm going home to see my babies.' It's not a drama, it's more natural," said Costa.

What to WATCH

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