AFP, Bridgetown

SPORT

Green Delta hockey **MSC** secure second spot

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club ended their Green Delta Premier Hockey League campaign on a winning note with a 5-3 win over Usha Krira Chakra in their last match at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yester-

day. The winners led the first half 4-2. National forward Moududur Rahman Shuvo struck thrice while

Pakistani Mohammad Asim and midfielder Shahidullah Tito added one each for the winners.

On the other hand, defender Hasan Ronv. Shakil and Indian Brojen Singh reduced the margin for Usha.

Mohammedan finished the league in second place with 47 points from 18 matches, a point adrift of champions Abahani Krira Chakra. Usha ended fourth with 31 points.

It was also the last match of twotier 10-team Premier League.

SL slump to Somerset

AFP, Taunton

Sri Lanka's preparations ahead of next week's triangular one-day international series took a turn for the worse with a comprehensive 63-run defeat against Somerset here Friday.

Somerset racked up 241 although there was come cosolation for the tourists in the form of left-arm quick Nuwan Zoysa (four for 49) and mediumpacer Pramodya Wickremasinghe (three for 37).

But with Michael Burns (63) and Keith Parsons (50) making halfcenturies, as others chipped in, the home side set a stiff challenge for their opponents

It was one Sri Lanka failed to master, bowled out for 178, their last six batsmen falling for 52 runs with Naveed Nawaz's 94-ball 61 the lone Sri Lankan highlight

Former Middlesex off-spinner Keith Dutch (four for 30) and onetime England Under-19 left-arm paceman Matthew Bulbeck (four for 36) did the bulk of the damage. Sri Lanka next play English

one-day specialists Gloucestershire at Bristol on Sunday.

In that match opening batsman Marvan Atapattu is expected to play his first game since being hit on the hand during the third Test 10-wicket defeat by England at Old

Trafford. That victory gave England the three-match Test series 2-0.

On Thursday, Sri Lanka play England in the first fixture of a one-

day series, also featuring India, at Trent Bridge.

Flemo steadies NZ Cricket Dillon and Collins from the bowling

attack eased the pressure and Fleming was able to guide New Zealand to tea on 145 for five. Fleming's 34th Test half century included eight fours and he had New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming dragged his team back into

scored 10 by tea. Debutant pace bowler Darren Powell announced his arrival on the international scene with consecutive bouncers to Richardson but made little impression otherwise. Powell was recalled from a West Indies A tour of England this week to reinforce the West Indies bowling attack and he finished with none for 33 from 14 overs.

Fleming and wicketkeeper Robbie Hart put on 108 as New Zealand recovered from a disastrous afternoon session when the West Indies seam attack tore the heart out of the tourists' batting, leaving them in deep trouble at 117 for five after taking four wickets for just 29 runs.

the first Test against the West Indies

at the Kensington Oval on Friday

on 257 for six after Chris Gavle

snatched a catch at slip off the

bowling of captain Carl Hooper to

remove Fleming with just nine overs

New Zealand closed the first day

with an elegant innings of 130.

The tall left-handed stroke player, scoring only his fourth Test century, did not play a false stroke in compiling his 130, stroking 20 silky boundaries in 230 balls and four and a half hours at the crease.

"It was a situation when the team really needed it. The middle order was disappointing and especially the method of their dismissals was really annoying," Fleming said. Fleming said the West Indies bowlers looked tired after their long summer and bowled loosely.

"Also the wicket is giving very inconsistent bounce with tufts of grass on it and I think we'll look forward to bowling on it," he said.

Put in by Hooper after losing the toss, New Zealand openers Lou Vincent and Mark Richardson looked comfortable for the first hour's play on a placid-looking wicket

They had put on 38 when Vincent edged a Mervyn Dillon delivery to wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs and he was out for 14. Richardson and Fleming saw the team safely through to lunch, when the score was 77 for one

Richardson, playing only his 19th Test at the age of 31, and Fleming added 50 for the second wicket before the opener was clean bowled for 41 by Sanford as he tried to force the ball through midwicket in the third over after lunch.

One-day specialist Chris Harris, promoted to number four, looked desperately uncomfortable and lasted for only four balls before fending clumsily at a Pedro Collins delivery and edging the ball to Brian Lara at first slip and New Zealand were in trouble at 89 for three.

Nathan Astle lasted only 16 balls before playing a woeful shot to a wide delivery from Dillon, again finding Lara's safe hands at first slip, out for two as Fleming looked on

aghast Craig McMillan was only marginally more successful, scoring six before being trapped leg before wicket by Sanford

At 117 for five New Zealand were in deep trouble but the departure of Bjorkman baffles Rusedski

Tennis

The captain said he was delighted with the performances of Hart and Vettori.

"Now we have the opportunity to go on and get 300 or so," he said. The West Indies bowlers strug-

gled to find a good line, with Dillon taking two for 66 from 23 overs and Sanford grabbing two for 65 from 21 overs. Left-armer Pedro Collins came in for some late punishment, finishing with figures of one for 65. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the opening day of the first Test between the West Indies and New Zealand at

Shoaib caution REUTERS, Karachi

Rashid

sounds

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar is at the peak of his form and could cause havoc at next year's World Cup in South Africa, wicketkeeper Rashid Latif has said.

Latif, who returned with the Pakistan squad from Australia on Saturday, said keeping to Akhtar had been a real experience.

Akhtar powered Pakistan to a surprise 2-1 win over world champions Australia in the Super Challenge series last Wednesday, Pakistan's first one-day series win over the Australians since 1989-90.

Akhtar took five for 25 in the decider in Brisbane and seven wickets in two matches to shock the Australians. His bowling prompted Australian

captain Ricky Pointing to warn his teammates to find ways to master Akhtar to prevent him from ripping holes in the strong batting line-up. "I have kept to Wagar Younis and Wasim Akram at their peak but

Shoaib is very, very fast and very difficult to stand up to," Latif told Reuters The fast bowler did not return with

the team but flew to London. "In recent weeks I have seen

three of the most destructive spells of fast bowling from Shoaib in onedayers at Sharjah, Karachi and Brisbane and he is only getting better," Latif added. "He is now fitter, more relaxed,

focused and on target with his bowling. If he does not face any injury problems, he will cause havoc in the World Cup."

The Pakistan Cricket Board on Thursday stopped Akhtar from taking part in a planned fast bowler's competition in India later this year. saving he was a valuable asset to the Pakistan team and would not be released for such competitions before the World Cup.

Latif said the 26-year-old Akhtar was the fastest bowler in world cricket and no batsman would find it easy to counter his pace and accuracy. "In recent matches where Shoaib

has been at his best, I have seen nervous batsmen having no clue against his pace," he said.

Akhtar was declared the fastest bowler of the 1999 World Cup in England before thrice being reported for a suspect bowling action. Since then he has cleared by a panel of medical experts from Australia

Notts let 2 Rice go 0

AFP, London

Nottinghamshire's poor form saw them sack cricket manager Clive Rice on Friday. Former South African all-

rounder and Nottinghamshire captain Rice, 52, was dismissed with immediate effect one-year into a new three year-contract.

PCB clears them

ment in England.

the PCB said

n October last year.

runners-up to Australia.

"The report will be submitted to

Around 20 players -- including

former captain Wasim Akram,

Waqar Younis, Moin Khan,

Inzamam-ul Haq and Saeed Anwar -

appeared before the Bhandari

Pakistan's first match fixing

commission and denied the charges

inquiry two years ago banned

former captain Salim Malik and

Ataur Rehman for life while Akram,

Younis, Haq, Anwar, Mushtaq

Ahmed and Akram Raza were fined.

International Cricket Council (ICC)

in its meeting in London next week,

Cricket

AFP, Lahore

An official report into alleged matchfixing by Pakistan during the 1999 World Cup has cleared the team of any wrongdoing, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Saturday

"PCB has made the Bhandari commission report public, which has absolved all the players and the team from all match-fixing charges during Pakistan's defeats against Bangladesh and India in the World Cup held in England in 1999," a statement from the PCB said.

"In its findings the commission has cleared the Pakistan team of match-fixing charges during the World Cup and the commission has said it does not require to take any action against the players."

The report, which will be pre-

Ronaldo FROM PAGE 13 almost certain to be Ronaldo's sented to a meeting of the replacement. International Cricket Council (ICC) "In normal circumstances, it will in London next week, was ordered be Luizao," he said. "He has my full

after widespread allegations of confidence and he knows it." cheating in Pakistan's losses to Scolari said he was worried Bangladesh and India in the tournaabout the problem but was confident Ronaldo would be available. Pakistan eventually finished

"Of course, it worries me," he said. "But we have an excellent medical department and Ronaldo has an enormous desire to play so I don't think he will miss the game."

He added that Ronaldo was important for the whole squad and admitted that the player's attitude had improved since 1998, when he failed to live up to his billing as the world's best player.

"The group needs him a lot, he is having a marvellous cup and his attitude is very different from the Ronaldo of 1998. He is a reference on the pitch -- but you can be sure that if he does not play, we can overcome his absence."

graphs and joining a passionate

debate about the football World

to journalists, he is more circum-

spect these days, aware that choos-

ng the wrong word as chairman of

As a youngster, I played for a

small Devon side in a charity match

against a Somerset team that

ncluded Richards and his friend lan

Botham. Both men had a reputation

for living life to the full and the eve-

ning cricket match special for this

remembered the evening more than

25 years ago, mentioning a specific

event that caused quite a stir in

small town Devon. He talks with

considerable affection about his

years with Somerset, when he and

Botham transformed the sleepy

Winning is contagious. The more

you do it the better you get at it and

self-confidence just keeps on arow-

ing, Richards says of the current

West Indies side that is enjoying

something of a renaissance, win-

ning a Test series against India last

As he gets off the plane,

Richards is ushered through a

special channel, using the diplo-

matic passport supplied to him by

his native Antiqua, for whom he acts

as an honorary ambassador.

county side into a team of winners.

To my astonishment, Richards

amateur player was lively.

selectors can have massive ramifi-

Formerly one who chatted freely

Cup

cations

month

Master Blaster to Chairman. Richards is still the dude

Richards was a crucial member

In an era when batsmen adopted

the helmet to protect themselves,

Richards strode fearlessly to the

crease, wearing only his cap and

relying on his flawless eye to deal

When Wisden chose five cricket-

ers of the 20th century, Richards

featured alongside Don Bradman,

Jack Hobbs, Sobers and Australian

did the fortunes of West Indies'

cricket. Caribbean cricket commen-

tators, devastated by their team's

losses, blamed everything from

financial instability to the increased

ground, stepping in temporarily

during the 1998 World Cup to coach

the team when Malcolm Marshall

into someone who can seek to bring

the highly politicised world of

his charges play New Zealand,

Richards chatted to friends, selec-

tors and players, signing auto-

On the flight to St. Lucia to watch

Caribbean cricket together.

Now, he has clearly mellowed

Richards hovered in the back-

Americanisation of island society.

As Richards' career declined, so

with short deliveries.

spinner Shane Warne.

fell seriously ill.

of the West Indies cricket team that

ruled the world in the 1970s and

including cricket.

Cricket

AFP, Castries 80s, when batsmen were battered by snarling pace bowlers and As he walks down the aisle of the Richards put opposing bowlers to plane flying from Jamaica to St the sword, swotting the fastest first Lucia, the Master Blaster greets a class century ever recorded and West Indies player with a finger-tip ending his international career in high five, a total stranger with a 1991 with a Test average of 50.23. polite nod and shares a joke with a fellow Antiguan.

At 50, Sir Viv, or Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards to give him his proper name is probably the most admired men in this disparate region. And what's more he's still one of the coolest dudes around. widely admired by young and old alike.

After a cricketing career which placed him along Sir Garfield Sobers as the best ever produced by the Caribbean. Richards is now the top man in West Indies cricket. Chairman of Selectors, the man who with two others decides who gets to wear the famous claret cap.

It's a tough job. The West Indies is a geographic anomaly. It doesn't really exist in anything other than cricketing terms. The team selects from Jamaica in the west and the Caribbean islands more than 1,200 kms to the east, as well as from Guyana on the South American

mainland The common thread is a link to Britain. British rule over the region may have disappeared, but it has left behind various influences,

Guus in heaven FROM PAGE 13

he said. "When we go on my con-"We have one less day recovery time than the Germans so the tract goes on until the last game we schedule's not in our favour. "But we have nothing to lose - we

Hiddink's contract expires after

the World Cup - but South Korea are

set to erect a statue in his own name

and grant the 55-year-old Korean

return to the Netherlands with Dutch

club PSV Eindhoven, confirmed that

his contract with South Korea ended

World Cup and it would have

expired already when we were

happy with the win against Poland,"

"My contract expires after the

Hiddink has been linked with a

citizenship for his efforts.

after the tournament.

play and then it has expired. "I have tried my best to give my

Korean team to catch up at interna-

up on my demands and with this big

claim the referees have been biased

towards his team during their magi

cal march into the World Cup semifi-

"Errors are made, by players, by coaches and by referees and lines-

that started the Korean War in 1950.

One of the abiding images of the

effort they got their rewards.

"I'm very happy they never gave

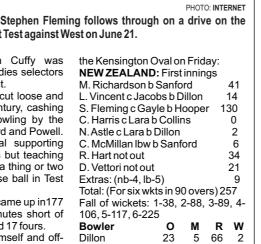
Hiddink hit back at critics who

"That is not fair," said Hiddink.

are going to play as we like to owledge and experie

tional level.

men



Collins

Powell

Sanford

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming follows through on a drive on the opening day of the first Test against West on June 21.

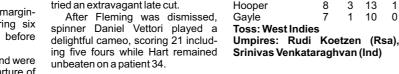
Seamer Cameron Cuffy was rested by the West Indies selectors to give Powell his debut.

After tea, Fleming cut loose and accelerated to his century, cashing in on some loose bowling by the back-up duo of Sanford and Powell. Hart played a crucial supporting role, scoring few runs but teaching his senior colleagues a thing or two about leaving the loose ball in Test cricket.

Fleming's century came up in 177 balls and took 12 minutes short of four hours and included 17 fours. Hooper brought himself and offspinner Gayle on in a bid to end the

partnership and was successful when Fleming was caught as he tried an extravagant late cut.

unbeaten on a patient 34.







ESPN

World Cup Today Repeat at 9:30 am West Indies vs India Fifth Test, Day Four Taped Version at 2:30 pm

STAR Sports

World Cup Today Repeat at 10:00 am Futbol Mundial Repeat at 12:00 pm Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Repeat at 12:30 pm



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Lanka? K Mashud A Khan A Islam
5. Who won the French Open- title?
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AFP, England

Greg Rusedski's Wimbledon preparations suffered a setback when he was convincingly beaten by Jonas Bjorkman in the semifinals of the 381,000 dollars ATP tour event here Fridav.

Swedish stalwart Biorkman had too much firepower for the third seeded Briton, winning convincingly 6-3.6-4.

Nevertheless, the Canadianborn Rusedski insisted he remained on course for Wimbledon, a tournament where he believes he can become the first British winner of the men's singles since Fred Perry claimed the last of his three titles way back in 1936.

"I'm pleased I've got four matches this week, I've not played three matches back to back in a long time," said Rusedski.

lowed two goals."

to follow the game.

had no luck at all."

"That's the positive thing for me," the 28-year-old former US Open

A European Union summit in

In the holiday resort of Marbella,

scene of a car bombing by the

nade was empty as tourists and

locals alike packed cafes and bars

morning mail rounds, tourist infor-

mation booths remained closed

and the only sound came from

fan Ricardo Dunia in Marbella.

"The referee was terrible and we

began to flow after the final disap-

"It was daylight robbery," said

Heads were bowed and tears

blaring television sets of the bars.

Postmen abandoned early-

finalist added. "I'm happy with the matches I've

got and I've cleaned up a few areas. The Magnus Larsson match was good for me (Rusedski won after being a set and 3-0 down) and this gives me an extra day of rest as I might be playing on Monday.

"I'm very positive about how I'm going to play at Wimbledon. Goran vanisevic did not win one match last year going in and won the title. I just need to start a little better in my matches."

Doubles specialist and Davis Cup mainstay Bjorkman took the initiative from the start, electing to receive after winning the toss even though the serve is the strongest part of left-hander Rusedski's game. But Bjorkman, one of the best

returners in the game, broke immediately and held his own serve to win the first set comfortably. It was a slightly different story in

the second set where Rusedski led 2-1 before a 67 minute rain delay forced the players off court. Upon the resumption Bjorkman,

Spain

iust wasn't meant to be."

0-0 at the end of extra time.

seen refereeing like it before.

go any further.

anvwhere.

Camacho after the game finished

worked so hard but we went out

the quarter-finals of a World Cup

not a friendly match played just

"We fought to the end and

who faces world number one Lleyton Hewitt in the first round of Wimbledon next week, kept his nerve, the 1998 Nottingham champion recovering his form for a straight sets victory.

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"It feels great to be in a final again, I have not been for a long time," said Bjorkman, who knocked out the tournament's top seed, United States teenager Andy Roddick, in the first round.

"I've been struggling for a while so it's come at a good time for me,' he added.

In Saturday's final Bjorkman will face Wayne Arthurs, another bigserving left-hander.

Australian Arthurs reached the first tournament final of his career with a 7-6 (7/5), 6-2 victory over sixth-seeded Swiss Michel Kratochvil.

"At the age of 31 to be playing my first tour final is very exciting, it's been a long time coming," said London-based Arthurs.

"It gives me a lot of confidence going into next week and to lift the title would be great."

Club captain Jason Gallian and Michael Newell will take charge of first-team affairs for the remainder of the 2002 season.

> A Nottinghamshire statement read: "The club wishes to thank Clive for his service to the club both as a player and as cricket manager and wishes him and his family every success and happiness in the future."

When Rice returned to Trent Bridge in 1998. Nottinghamshire hoped he would revive the glory days the club enjoyed in the 1980s where, together with the likes of Richard Hadlee and Derek Randall, Rice guided Nottinghamshire to

their first County Championship title in over 50 years back in 1981. But the county's championship

form has been on something of a downward spiral in recent seasons. Last year they were seventh in the Second Division, just two places off the bottom. This year's form has seen little

improvement, the club currently well outside the promotion places in sixth.

Meanwhile, their one-day record has offered no consolation. Nottinghamshire have yet to win one of their five national league matches this season and on Wednesday went out of the one-day trophy courtesy of an eight-wicket thrashing by Worcestershire.

Rice, who played in South Africa for Transvaal, was widely regarded as one of the outstanding allrounders of his generation.

Diego

"Under the shadow of referees, this World Cup is already a failure," said Maradona, who has been struggling in recent years to overcome cocaine abuse. "Why so much aversion to Italy

and so many favours for Brazil, who were thankful for a non-existent penalty and the lack of a red card for the farce staged by Rivaldo?" asks Maradona.

"Even leaving aside the inexpli-cable disallowed goal by Belgium" against Brazil in their second round tie, won 2-1 by Brazil.

"Watching the World Cup from Cuba I don't know the games going on in the background. All I know is that FIFA puts its own interests first. "The main protagonists in football must be the players and not the

battles."

questions," said Hiddink when asked about his game plan for Tuesday.

next match.

"I am so proud of these guys, added Hiddink, who insisted the Germans would have to fight to the death if they wanted to make what for them would be a seventh final.

"What comes tomorrow is tomor-

row, not now. Don't ask me tactical

"Tonight after a glass of wine and beer we will get down and prepare for the next game against Germany. We are a bunch of young dogs

and we will play the way we like against Germany. We are not the favourites.

Wild Red Sea

nation celebrated its World Cup semifinal passage.

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They will play Germany in the semifinals in Seoul on June 25, normally

a sombre day when South Korea remembers the blitz invasion by communist North Korean troops



Kim, 77, sees himself as cheerleader-in-chief but has had precious little to smile about away from the pitch this month.

Friday to apologise for a scandal that has marred his last year in office and ensnared two of his three sons.

"I am ashamed and feel guilty about not being able to take care of my sons properly," said Kim, a former dissident who battled military rule and was jailed for his fight for democracy

One of his sons was arrested on Friday and the other last month on influence-peddling and other charges. Both are in the same Seoul suburb prison, where they were permitted to watch the match on elevision with other inmates.

has never been seen.' Goalkeeper Iker Casillas said: "We knew the referee would be like that. It is just what we expected. "We hope there will be other opportunities to gain success, but

now we will have to wait another four years and see if we qualify again."

"There are players who know that this was their last World Cup and everyone is hurt and very sad. We haven't lost a game and we are going home.

because South Korea were luckier than us. I am just sorry we couldn't Morientes said he had never "It could have turned the game around and we are talking about

n't stop any of them.'

Spain feel violated pointment, with many left feeling "Two goals disallowed -- that deserved to win but I guess footthat once again luck had deserted

"After the bomb attacks of Friday we all needed to be cheered up," said Maria Luis Leon in

FROM PAGE 13

litter after the partying. Police estimated there were 500,000 people out for the South Korea-Poland match, 770,000 for the game against the United States,

2.79 million for the clash with Portugal and 4.20 million when South Korea beat Italy 2-1 to reach As the Korean players converted

one after another of their penalty kicks, a smile broke out on the normally impassive face of President Kim Dae-jung, who attended the match in Kwangju capital of his political powerbase south-western Korea region.

Until Saturday's triumph,

Kwangju was best known for tragedy, as the city where a prodemocracy uprising in 1980 was crushed by elite commandos, killing several hundred citizens.

He appeared on television on

PHOTO: AFP ROK ON FIRE! Fire fighters try to extinguish a giant Republic of Korea flag at Seoul City Plaza yesterday. The flag caught fire when fireworks hit it as the

bureaucrats. It's one of my old

Marbella. "It was a real shame. It

"I thought the referee would be fairer in a quarter-final match like this," said coach Jose Antonio

Casillas, hero of the second round penalty shoot-out win against Ireland, said he was deeply disappointed that he couldn't reproduce his performance this

"Last week I said that penalties are a lottery and today I just could-