

## Yuvraj stops England

AFP, London

Yuvraj Singh was the unlikely hero of the Indian attack as England were held to 271 for seven in their NatWest triangular series one-day international at Lord's here on Saturday.

Yuvraj, who had taken just 12 wickets in his previous 33 one-day internationals, saw his occasional left-arm spin yield a career-best three for 39 in India's first match of the tournament.

Marcus Trescothick top scored for England with 86 and captain Nasser Hussain made 54 for the other major contribution before the innings petered out.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the England innings in their triangular series one-day international against India at Lord's on Saturday:

**ENGLAND**

Trescothick c Dravid b Ganguly 86  
Knight run out 31  
Hussain st Dravid b Yuvraj 54  
Flintoff c Mongia b Yuvraj 22  
Thorpe c Sehwaq b Yuvraj 12  
Stewart not out 28  
Irani run out 12  
Collingwood c Dravid b Zaheer 6  
Giles not out 2  
Extras: (b-2, lb-6, w-8, nb-2) 18  
Total: (For 7 wts in 50 overs) 271  
Fall of wickets: 1-86, 2-153, 3-201, 4-217, 5-222, 6-256, 7-267  
Did not bat: J Kirtley, M Hoggard

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	9	0	48	1
Agarkar	8	0	49	0
Harbhajan	10	0	50	0
Kumble	10	0	46	0
Ganguly	6	0	31	1
Yuvraj	7	0	39	3

**INDIA:** Sourav Ganguly, Virender Sehwag, Dinesh Mongia, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Ajit Agarkar, Harbhajan Singh, Anil Kumble, Zaheer Khan.

## Watch WC final at Sheraton

### PRESS RELEASE

The Sheraton Hotel, in collaboration with an event management company, has made special arrangements to show tomorrow's World Cup final between Brazil and Germany live on a large screen.

The onscreen World Cup celebration party will be held at the Winter Garden.

## Fastest Sukur

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seconds. German Ernst Lehner scored a goal after 24 seconds against Austria in 1934. England's Bryan Robson registered the next fastest World Cup goal. On June 16, 1982 in Spain, the midfielder took only 27 seconds to score against France.

Hakan Sukur's historic goal was the 36th for his country in 80 appearances -- both are Turkish national team records. The 30-year-old had not scored in Turkey's previous six matches in Korea/Japan.



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## Cloud over Zia meet



### SPORTS REPORTER

The proposed Shaheed Ziaur Rahman International Football Tournament in Chittagong faces uncertainty after the organisers failed to obtain approval from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

The first ever international meet in the port city named after late president Ziaur Rahman, was scheduled to start on July 1. But the organisers Chattagram Zela Krira Sangstha (CZKS) were forced to postpone the meet for an indefinite period on Friday after the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) declared that obtaining permission from the AFC would take at least two or three weeks.

The decision came as a blow for CZKS, who in a brisk move last

month, invited four Dhaka giants and one team each from India, Nepal and Myanmar for the proposed eight-team event.

But the inexperienced CZKS has reportedly remained oblivious of the fact that such international tournament requires prior permission from the ruling body of Asian football.

"You need about 60 days for AFC permission to launch a new international football tournament. We have received the tournament bye-laws only four days back," said a BFF member explaining the official formalities.

He also said that the AFC officials are presently pre-occupied with the greatest show on earth -- the World Cup now being held in Japan-Korea.

But on the other hand CZKS officials offered a different explanation.

They blamed BFF for being indifferent.

According to The Daily Star's Chittagong Bureau office last night,

CZKS officials are likely to hold a press conference in Dhaka on July 1 to clarify the situation.

It was also gathered that CZKS are determined to go ahead with the meet inviting only the local clubs.

Yet, while both the organisers and BFF appear to be at loggerheads over the meet, they are not at all serious about fixing a date for the Dhaka Premier League and even Federation Cup itself.

The League was supposed to kick off on July 15 after tournament ended. But with a cloud hanging over the Chittagong meet, it now looks unlikely when the top league in the country will eventually begin.

"Nobody can dare think about the Premier League until the current situation is resolved. As things stand the Dhaka-based clubs are destined to suffer because of the ongoing crisis," quipped a BFF official preferring anonymity yesterday.

## WI keep NZ under control



### AFP, St George's

West Indies pace bowler Pedro Collins fought back with two late wickets on Friday to leave New Zealand on 208 for five at the close of the first day of the second and final Test at the Queen's Park ground.

New Zealand opener Mark Richardson batted all day but then fell to a mis-timed pull when he was five runs short of his third Test century, caught by Chris Gayle on the boundary.

Collins took three for 29 as he willingly took over the mantle of main strike bowler from the injured Merv Dillon.

Richardson and Nathan Astle put on 123 for the fourth wicket as New Zealand cautiously re-built after struggling to 82 for three shortly after lunch.

The late wickets kept alive the West Indies hopes of levelling the two-match series after they were beaten in the first Test in Barbados.

West Indies captain Carl Hooper gambled on the Queen's Park wicket having some life in it early on but was proved wrong as the cautious New Zealanders placed themselves in a strong position to win the

series.

Opener Richardson batted all day to compile his 95 while Astle came in with New Zealand in a spot of bother on 82 for three after losing two quick wickets immediately after lunch.

Astle, well-known for his belligerent batting -- including an astonishing 200 from 153 balls against England earlier this year -- was composed and cautious early in his innings, but became more aggressive as the day wore on, striking spinner Mahendra Nagamootoo for two straight sixes in one over after tea.

Hooper won the toss and put New Zealand in to bat, as he did in the first Test when the team was comprehensively outplayed. It was soon clear the wicket was not very helpful to bowlers, although humid conditions meant there was swing for Collins in the afternoon session.

Opens Richardson and Lou Vincent put on 61 for the first wicket before Vincent was bowled by a sharp Cameron Cuffey delivery that jagged in from the off and caught the opener's inside edge before hitting the stumps. Vincent's 24, included one six.

Richardson and captain Stephen Fleming saw New Zealand through to lunch but Fleming, scorer of 130 in the first Test, unwisely chased a full and loose ball from Pedro Collins

outside the off stump just after the interval and edged the ball to Brian Lara at first slip. He scored just six.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the second Test between New Zealand and the West Indies at the Queen's Park on Friday:

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings  
Richardson c Gayle b Collins 95  
Vincent b Cuffey 24  
Fleming c Lara b Collins 6  
Harris c Jacobs b Hooper 0  
Astle not out 69  
Vettori c Jacobs b Collins 1  
McMillan not out 1  
Extras: (w-2, nb-4, lb-6) 12  
Total: (For 5 wts in 93 overs) 208  
Fall of wickets: 1-61, 2-81, 3-82, 4-205, 5-206

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Collins	19	9	29	3
Cuffey	22	7	46	1
Sanford	13	1	47	0
Nagamootoo	25	9	62	0
Hooper	11	3	13	1
Gayle	3	1	5	0

**WEST INDIES:** Wavell Hinds, Chris Gayle, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, Shivnarine Chanderepal, Ridley Jacobs, Mahendra Nagamootoo, Pedro Collins, Cameron Cuffey, Adam Sanford.

**Umpires:** Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and Sri Venkataraghavan (India).

## Tendulkar to be a TV presenter

AFP, New Delhi

India's master batsman, Sachin Tendulkar, has signed a contract with London-based television network ESPN-Star Sports to become a TV presenter, ESPN said on its website Saturday.

Though ESPN said the contract fee was a "commercial secret," India's Hindustan Times, quoting unidentified sources, said the deal was worth 120 million rupees (2.5 million dollars).

Tendulkar's exclusive contract to "front the television channel" is comparable to the multi-million dollar tie-up between United States' ace golfer Tiger Woods and Disney, the Times of India said.

Manu Sawhney, managing director of ESPN Software India, told the Times of India that Tendulkar would launch his career as TV presenter within a year.

The batsman's TV debut would be seen in nearly 50 countries, including throughout South Asia and the Gulf region, Sawhney said. ESPN-Star currently reaches around 28 million Indian households.

The ESPN-Star Sports website quoted Tendulkar as saying that he was "looking forward" to his partnership with the sports channel.

Tendulkar, who renewed a five-year contract with WorldTel last year, worth approximately 20 million dollars, currently endorses Adidas, Visa, Pepsi, Fiat and a number of Indian brands.

WorldTel manages players and also telecasts live cricket matches in India and internationally. Tendulkar is currently in England with the Indian team, who are facing England and Sri Lanka in a triangular one-day series before playing the first of four Tests at Lord's on July 25.

Known in India as "the Little Genius", Tendulkar in the recent series against the West Indies equalled Australia great Don Bradman's record of 29 Test hundreds but then went on to make three ducks in his next four innings. This week he was among six players nominated by their peers for the International Cricketer of the Year award.

## Phenomenal!

AP, Yokohama

Brazil's Ronaldo is not only the leading candidate for the Golden Boot Award, he also is poised to score the most goals in a single tournament in 24 years.

The Inter Milan striker will have a chance to add to his tournament high total of six goals on Sunday when Brazil meets Germany in the World Cup championship game in Yokohama.

If Ronaldo finds the back of the net, he will be the first player to score seven goals at a World Cup since Poland's Gregorz Lato did it in 1974.

The Brazilian forward, however, said the distinction was secondary to his team clinching an unprecedented fifth World Cup title.

"The most important thing is that we win on a goal scored by anyone, whether it be by me or someone else," he said.

Ronaldo, 25, has a total of 10 goals in three World Cups, four shy of Germany's Gerd Muller, the tournament's all-time leading scorer.

Seven players have had six goal performances at recent competitions, including Davor Suker of Croatia in 1998, Hristo Stoichkov of Bulgaria and Oleg Salenko of Russia in 1994, Salvatore Schillaci of Italy in 1990, Gary Lineker of England in 1986, Paolo Rossi of Italy in 1982, and Mario Kempes of Argentina in 1978.

Brazil's Rivaldo and Germany's Miroslav Klose both trail Ronaldo in the chase for the Golden Boot with five goals apiece.

## Onus on Kahn

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face contorts into a grimace or he barks instructions at his defenders.

Off the field, the blond-mopped keeper is a modest figure, quick to play down the plaudits he has been showered with.

"It isn't just my doing that I have conceded only one goal," he said earlier this week. "The whole team is to be credited for that, especially the whole defence. Everyone has been playing really well. Their play has made things easier for me. I depend on the performance of the whole team.

Kahn will take centre stage if the final ends in penalties, as happened in 1994, when Brazil beat Italy on spotkicks.

Kahn says if called upon he would be willing to take a spotkick himself -- but doesn't see that as part of his job. In contrast, he would be out to stop the Brazilians doing to Germany what they did to the Italians.

"You have to prepare your mind and deal with this extreme situation," he notes.

But whether or not the two sides have to be separated in a shootout Kahn is confident he will pick up a winner's medal.

"I have a feeling we are going to be world champions. We are up against the best individual players in the world -- but we too have world class players."

## Yevgeny, Andy gone too



AFP, London

Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the fifth seed, and Andy Roddick of the United States, on Friday joined the list of top names to exit Wimbledon leaving the men's title chase wide open.

Kafelnikov, a former French and Australian Open champion, slumped 7-6, 7-5, 6-1 to Belgian 27th seed Xavier Malisse, as British hope Greg Rusedski claimed the scalp of 11th-seeded Roddick.

Also falling were Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan, Swiss lucky loser George Bastl and Belgian Oliver Rochus, who had ousted tournament favourites Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras and Marat Safin respectively Wednesday.

Australian wild card Mark Philippoussis stayed on course in his bid to emulate Goran Ivanisevic's achievement a year ago by booking a place in the fourth round at the expense of Germany's Nicolas Pietrangeli.

The elimination of all but two of

the men's favourites -- Lleyton Hewitt and Tim Henman -- means that Philippoussis, nicknamed Scud for his powerful serve and a three-time quarterfinalist here, is among the leading title contenders.

The 25-year-old, who has come back from an injury-ravaged three years, came away a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 winner in 2hrs 17 minutes after slamming down 33 aces.

Philippoussis next meets 1996 champion Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, who ended the dream run of Paradorn 7-6, 6-4, 6-2 in one hour, 43-minutes, for a place in the quarterfinals.

Bastl, who ended seven-time champion Pete Sampras' championship, slumped to Argentine 28th seed David Nalbandian, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2, while Rochus, who ousted second-seed Agafu, fell 6-0, 7-5, 6-3 to Frenchman Arnaud Clement.

Kafelnikov could not find the winning formula against Malisse with nine double faults, and just 47 per cent of his first serves in.

In the women's singles, second seed Serena Williams struggled but advanced to the fourth round beating Belgian qualifier Els Callens 7-6, 7-6

in 1hr 39min, while Jennifer Capriati, the third seed, eased past Daja Bedanova, the 26th seed from the Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2.

Serena next meets fellow American Chanda Rubin while Capriati advances to face Eleni Daniilidou of Greece for a place in the quarterfinals.

American qualifier Laura Granville upset former French and Australian Open champion Mary Pierce 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, and next meets another France's Amelie Mauresmo, the ninth seed, who defeated Russian Anastasia Myskina 6-4, 6-2.

Earlier Rubin, Yugoslav Jelena Dokic, and Slovak Daniela Hantuchova powered their way into the fourth round in straight sets.

Dokic, the seventh seed, dumped France's Nathalie Dechy 7-5, 6-2 in 74 minutes while unseeded Rubin continued her recent excellent form by ousting Russian Tatiana Panova, the 21st seed, 6-4, 6-1 in 56 minutes.

Dokic, a semifinalist in 2000, next meets 11th seed Hantuchova who beat Slovenian Maja Matevzic 6-4, 6-4.

## No compensation deal



REUTERS, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has failed to reach an agreement on compensation for cancelled tours, ICC president Malcolm Gray said.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), which has lost about 25 million dollars from cancelled tours since last year, is demanding compensation from the ICC who discussed the issue at an executive board meeting on Wednesday.

"The finance committee (of the ICC) was asked to come up with the establishment of a compensation fund, but this wasn't adopted by the executive board yesterday," said Gray on Thursday.

"It's not just as simple as a compensation fund. Is it a problem of just losses or cash flow? The most important thing for the ICC is to make sure that cricket is continued to be played."

The West Indies refused to tour Pakistan earlier this year over security concerns while New

Zealand abandoned their series after a bomb exploded outside the team's hotel in Karachi.

Australia are scheduled to tour Pakistan in October, although the visit is unlikely to go ahead because of ongoing security fears in the region.

A plan for Australia to host a two-Test series against Pakistan was rejected by the PCB on Wednesday.

ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed, speaking at the inaugural ICC Cricket Business Forum at Lord's on Thursday, said: "We want this situation resolved as soon as possible."

"The ICC's role is to bring the parties together and look at all the options. Ultimately it's a matter for the two boards, the PCB and the Australian Cricket Board to work out.

"Ideally the series will go on in Pakistan. If it can't there are a number of options such as a neutral venue like Sharjah or Morocco. The important thing is the series has to be relocated is to maximise the revenue for Pakistan."

Earlier this year the PCB said it only just broke even after the home

series against the West Indies was played in the desert city of Sharjah.

Despite these problems, Gray insisted that the 10-year tour programme was still in place although he admitted implementing it was complex.

The programme was started last summer and is aimed at building a league table based on each country playing each other home and away, at least once, in a 10-year cycle.

"The ICC has been working to bring this in to make sure the newer member countries get their fair share of Test cricket," he said. "This year has seen events beyond our control impact on the game."

"Our task is to make sure we find ways to play and protect the game whatever the situation. We must make sure series take place by being flexible with dates, times and venues. If we can do that it would be a major achievement for the ICC."

One initiative that will definitely come into force is the one-day rankings system. Speed confirmed that all one-day internationals played after September 1 would count towards the rankings.

## Show-stoppers

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dous power to decide matches in seconds.

"They will produce something out of nothing. It's a Brazilian skill that we're born with."

"Without doubt, there are no other players in the world today as good as Ronaldo and Rivaldinho. I'd even include Rivaldo in that. No one can match them for strength, pace, speed or skill."

Romario, hero of the victorious 1994 team, declared: "Ronaldo has had two great moments against the English."

"He changed the game with one run and pass to Rivaldo and scored a goal that will be remembered as a World Cup classic."

Bebeto, Romario's striking partner eight years ago, insisted: "The attack we have now is probably stronger than in 1994."

"It's the speed, combined with the invention of Ronaldo and Rivaldinho that makes our team dangerous. It's a return to the attacking style of play Brazil has dropped over the last 10 years."

Brazil and Germany have never met in the 72-year history of the World Cup - and Carlos Alberto is convinced the European giants will not enjoy their brush with Brazilian magic.

He added: "Like the Americans constantly produce natural basketball players, we create footballers who play like no one else in the world."

"It's in the blood. It comes from our culture. We call it 'Jeitinho', a piece of Brazilian magic that exists only in our culture."

The ex-captain has been a

mentor to Ronaldo since the superstar was first picked for the Brazilian side at 17.

Now 25, he is still suffering in the wake of four years of injury. Yet Carlos Alberto believes "The Phenomenon" remains a lethal force at the highest level.

He admitted: "Ronaldo is not the player he was four years ago. He's still injured and not fully fit. But, as we saw against Turkey, he needs only 30 seconds to finish a team off."

"He's a normal, natural boy off the pitch, who is basically shy. At the moment, though, he's very anxious to show he's one of the world's best."

"Ronaldo has a tremendous reputation but has never won anything big. This is his chance - and he knows it."

"He's mentally prepared for this final. You can see it in his face. There's a real smile there."

But no German with any sense will be forgetting about Rivaldinho as well.

Romario warned: "He has everything to be as big as Ronaldo and Rivaldo in world football. He's bright, quick, creative and comes with a 'street attitude'. Like me, Ronaldo and Rivaldo, he learned to play football kicking a ball around with his bare feet."

Even Brazilian president Fernando Henrique Cardoso, currently grappling with his country's deep financial crisis, has found the time to keep one eye on Japan and South Korea.

And it has been Ronaldo who has made the biggest impression on him.

Cardoso rates Ronaldo as an example to his country.

He said: "You could see he was in pain in the semi-final against Turkey but he did what manager Luiz Scolari asked of him. The Germans are dangerous, yet with someone like Ronaldo in the team, no one can hold us back."

Ronaldo has now scored 43 goals for the national team, trailing only Zico, Romario and Pelé, who scored 77. His World Cup tally is 10, two behind Pele.

Mario Jorge Lobo Zagallo, who guided Brazil to their 1970 and 1994 triumphs, even reckons Ronaldo and Rivaldinho could soon be linking up in club football.

Zagallo stated: "We'll see Ronaldinho's career really explode after the World Cup."

"With his smile, his hair and his natural ability to move past people, he'll quickly overtake players like Zinedine Zidane and Luis Figo."

"There is already talk of him moving to play with Ronaldo in Milan. The two are good friends and everyone knows