

Symonds quits Kent

AFP, Canterbury

Australian all-rounder Andrew Symonds is to fly home for treatment on his persistent Achilles injury and will not play for his English county Kent again this season.

Symonds has made a strong impression with Kent, most notably when he smashed the fastest century in Twenty20 cricket with a 43-ball 112 against Middlesex earlier this month.

Kent director of cricket Simon Willis said his departure had been agreed by the county and the Australian Cricket Board.

"That is that. We won't see him again this season," Willis said.

Australia want Symonds fully fit for the ICC Champions Trophy, which will be held in England in September.

Star Whizz Kid COMPETITION 215

Tick the correct answers, post to The Daily Star. Win attractive prizes. Competition closes at 8 pm August 6, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards.

1. Who clinched the national tennis men's crown?	Asia	Amal	Murad
2. How many Test wickets has Shane Warne taken?	519	527	434
3. Who won the Wimbledon men's title?	Agassi	Federer	Henman
4. Who lifted the Wimbledon women's crown?	Serena	Sharapova	Venus
5. Who are the Euro 2004 soccer champions?	Portugal	Greece	France
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WHIZZ KID-214 correct answers

1. How many Test matches will India play against Bangladesh in December? Ans: Two
2. Who is Pakistan's new cricket coach? Ans: Woolmer
3. Who won the Rating chess title? Ans: Rakib
4. Who is the youngest scorer at UEFA Euro 2004? Ans: Voniathan
5. Who scored the first goal at Euro 2004? Ans: Karagounis

WHIZZ KID-213 winner



Sharif Tahsin Farah (Scholastica, Gulshan)



A scene from yesterday's Nitol-Tata National Football League encounter between Bangladesh Air Force and Unmochan Club Bagerhat at the Momenshahi Stadium.

WI off to a flier

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wickets before Vaughan reached three figures.

However, Vaughan's two off Bravo took the Yorkshire batsman to his 12th Test century and his third at Lord's.

It was also Vaughan's second Test hundred in successive innings against the West Indies following his 140 in the second innings of the drawn fourth Test in Antigua in April.

But Vaughan, who led his side to a 3-0 series win in the Caribbean, fell soon afterwards having made 1,000 Test runs as England captain, when he edged Collins to Smith in the slips.

And from then on the innings tamely fizzled out.

England resumed Friday on 391 for two with Key 167 not out and Vaughan unbeaten on 36 after losing the toss.

The blue skies overhead made it an ideal day for the batsmen, especially Vaughan, who was after a big score following a poor one-day series where he managed just 47 runs in five innings.

Attacking strokeplay and some wayward bowling saw England off to a flying start with 79 runs coming in the first hour alone.

Tino Best, the most menacing of the West Indies' quick Thursday, came on but the powerful Key responded by elegantly steering him off the backfoot through cover for a sweetly-timed four.

Key, dropped on 16 Thursday by second slip Chris Gayle off Fidel Edwards, turned Collins off his legs for four, his maiden first-class double century coming in 262 balls with 29 fours.

Key, 25, had previously made 199 for Kent against Surrey at The Oval in May.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the first Test between England and the West Indies at Lord's on Friday: ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 391-2)

Trescothick c Sarwan b Best	16
Strauss c Jacobs b Banks	137
Key c Lara b Bravo	221
Vaughan c Smith b Collins	103
Thorpe c Jacobs b Bravo	19
Flintoff b Banks	6
Jones c Jacobs b Collins	4
Giles c Smith b Collins	5
Hoggard not out	1
Jones lbw b Collins	4
Harmison b Bravo	4
Extras: (b-2, lb-20, w-13, nb-13)	48
Total: (All out in 121.4 overs)	568
Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-320, 3-485, 4-527, 5-534, 6-541, 7-551, 8-557, 9-563, 10-568.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Collins	24	2	113	4
Best	21	1	104	1
Edwards	21	2	96	0
Bravo	24.4	5	74	3
Banks	22	3	131	2
Sarwan	9	0	28	0

WEST INDIES: First innings
Gayle not out
Smith not out
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, nb-1)

Total: (For no loss in 14 overs) 83
To bat: R Sarwan, B Lara, S Chandrapaul, D Bravo, R Jacobs, O Banks, P Collins, T Best, F Edwards

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	4	0	20	0
Harmison	3	1	24	0
Jones	4	0	24	0
Giles	3	0	9	0

Toss: West Indies
Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (RSA), Daryl Harper (AUS)
TV umpire: Nigel Llong (ENG)
Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle (SRI)

Premier kabadi

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Army earned a massive 87-27 win over Bangladesh Air Force in the ninth Premier Division kabadi league at the Outer Stadium court yesterday.

The winners led the first half 42-13. In the day's other match, Police overwhelmed Azad SC 69-19 with five lonas after dominating the first half 35-7 at the same venue.

Nat'l hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Mymensingh edged past Patuakhali by a solitary goal in the ANAS Group 25th National Hockey Championship at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday. Captain Nurullah Riyad netted the only goal converting a penalty corner in the 25th minute.

Patuakhali earned five penalty corners against the winners' three but failed to capitalise any one to fight back in the game.

Injury costs Rampaul

AFP, London

Fast bowler Ravi Rampaul has been ruled out of the remainder of West Indies' tour of England here because of a shin injury.

Rampaul will be replaced by fellow paceman Corey Collymore. Shin injuries have sidelined 19-year-old Rampaul since the July 3 NatWest Series one-day game against New Zealand at Cardiff.

He will leave England on Saturday with the 26-year-old Collymore due to arrive in London on Monday.

The second Test is due to start at Edgbaston on Thursday, July 29.

PCB sticks

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the wisdom of hiring another foreign coach.

A previous experiment with South African coach Richard Pybus ended in disappointment. He was sacked after Pakistan were eliminated in the first round of the 2003 World Cup.

Miandad took over after the tournament before departing midway through a two-year contract after his team lost a home series against India in April.

But Raja insisted Woolmer, a former England batsman and South Africa coach, was there to stay.

"He is our best hope of turning things around. With the talent we have, we should be up there. Unfortunately due to number of reasons this has not happened and our performances have not been consistent."

In the last 10 years, Pakistan has had eight different coaches in Inikhab Alam, Mushaq Muhammad, Wasim Raja, Haroon Rasheed, Javed Miandad, Mudassar Nazar, Richard Pybus and now Woolmer.

Many have had several attempts at the job, with Miandad appointed three times between 1998 and 2004 and Pybus tried out twice.

Pakistan must beat India in the Asia Cup on Sunday to remain in contention for a place in the final. They play Bangladesh in their last match on Thursday.

Life in Lanka

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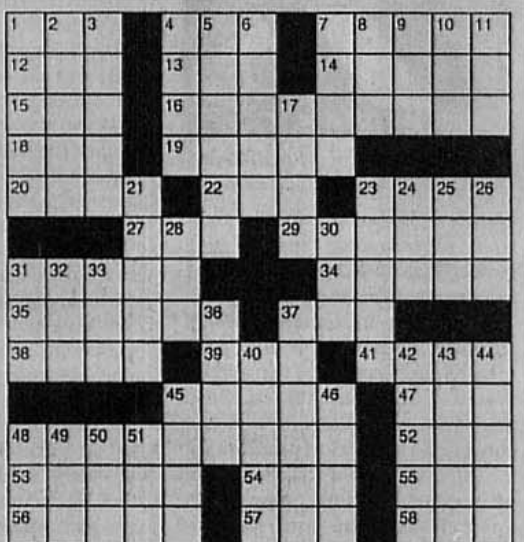
Hong Kong's Asia Cup adventure ended after the first phase but he stayed back to see the final.

While talking to Bangladeshi journalists on Thursday night, the middle order batsman who migrated to Hong Kong ten years ago, said that he learned Bangla during his two-year stay in Kolkata.

Lama talked about Hong Kong cricket.

"The Saturday League are 35-over matches and the Sunday League is played over 50 overs. A player can earn as much as 3,000 dollars a year by playing club cricket. We get 300 dollars-per-match playing for Hong Kong," Lama said.

"The English schools play cricket regularly but the Chinese are yet to catch up with them. Hong Kong is doing well as part-timers. We don't get top-class coaching. Robin Singh was here only for three tournaments and I don't know when we will again have a decent coach," he added.



Action from yesterday's ANAS Group 25th National Hockey Championship encounter between Mymensingh and Patuakhali at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

CRYPTOQUIP

R L K R U J E Z Y X X U O G X U F
N G U S R S W Y P V R P P N K
O Y S T J Y V X T K R S W J Y V X N K Z

L T X R X F R S X V T X R X
Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF SOMEONE SWIPED A WHOLE LOT OF HAMBURGERS, WOULD HIS GETAWAY BE A PATTY WAGON?

Today's Cryptquip Clue: R equals I

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Greek life starts for Rivaldo

Football

REUTERS, Athens

Former World Player of the Year Rivaldo has signed a two-year contract with Greece's Olympiakos, the Piraeus club said on Thursday.

The 32-year-old Brazil forward's arrival is seen as another boost to soccer in Greece after their national team shocked the world by winning Euro 2004 earlier this month.

The club have not released the financial details of the contract, which includes an option for a third year, but according to local media reports, Rivaldo could earn up to 1.8 million euros (\$2.21 million) per season.

"Olympiakos would like to announce the transfer of Brazil's international player Rivaldo for two-plus-one years," the club said in a statement.

Rivaldo was greeted by hundreds of fans on his arrival at Athens airport on Wednesday night.



JUNIOR JOINS TOO! Brazilian superstar Rivaldo and his son wear shirts of the Olympiakos football club in Athens on July 22 after the former world player of the year signed a two-year contract with the Greek club.

The trouble with Kluivert

Football

AFP, Newcastle

Newcastle boss Sir Bobby Robson has been warned to lay down the law if he wants to get anything out of Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert.

The 28-year-old signed a three-year deal with Newcastle on Wednesday, but his former coach at Barcelona, Louis Van Gaal, says Robson will have to stop Kluivert partying.

"Kluivert needs to learn to live like a professional footballer and has needed to learn that for some time," he told The Sun.

"Patrick doesn't deal properly

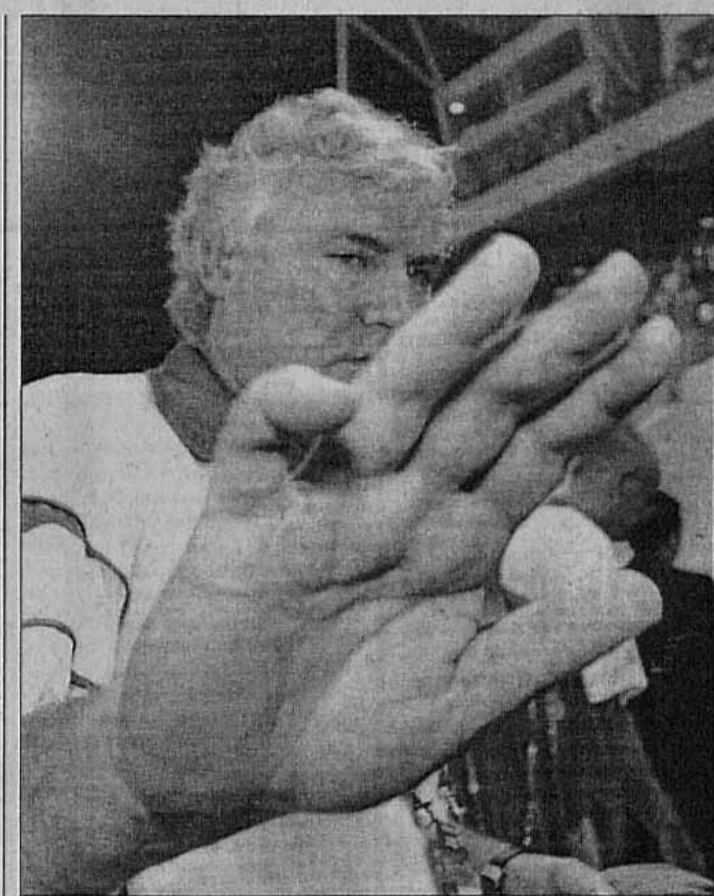
with some of the people who he carries around in his 'entourage' - and that is not good."

Van Gaal, who succeeded Robson as Barcelona coach in 1999, has coached Kluivert at international level and at club level with Ajax and Barcelona.

"The sad thing is he could in theory be the best striker in the world. But I've told him that often enough and warned him what he would have to change in order to achieve it."

"What he needs, and will always need, is a brutally tough coach - like I was."

Kluivert, who was not used during Holland's Euro 2004 run, leaves Barcelona as the fifth-highest scorer



DON'T BLAME ME! Saudi Arabia's Dutch coach Gerard Van der Lem shuns away from the camera after his team lost to Uzbekistan during the Asian Cup Group C match in the southwestern Chinese city of Chengdu on July 22.

Uzbeks first to last eight



AFP, Chengdu

Uzbekistan became the first side to reach the quarter-finals of the Asian Cup Thursday, leaving three-time champions Saudi Arabia facing a crunch showdown with rivals Iraq for a place in the last eight.

Uzbekistan defeated the Saudis 1-0 thanks to a first-half goal from Alexander Geynrikh, the CSKA Moscow striker lashing home a fierce drive from 25 yards after 12 minutes to settle a hard-fought Group C encounter.

The defeat means the Saudis -- finalists of every Asian Cup since playing in the tournament for the first time in 1984 -- must beat Iraq to have a chance of reaching the quarter-finals.

Uzbekistan's achievement in qualifying for the next round comes after a disastrous campaign at the last Asian Cup in Lebanon which saw them thrashed 8-1 by Japan and 5-0 by Saudi Arabia during the group phase.

Saudi Arabia's coach Gerard Van der Lem, whose squad has been decimated by injuries to seven key players, must rally his troops swiftly if he is to avoid becoming the 13th coach to be hired and fired by the Gulf nation since 1994.

But the Dutchman bristled at suggestions his job could be on the line from his sack-happy paymasters at the Saudi Arabia Football Federation.

"I'm happy in my job. This is only the first match we have lost in 23 games," Van der Lem said. "If you want to blame me, that is up to you. I'm not a magician."

NZC revamps its int'l schedule

REUTERS, Wellington

New Zealand will host Australia and Sri Lanka in separate Test and one-day internationals this summer as part of a revamped international schedule.

Sri Lanka will play two Tests and five one-day internationals in December and January while the Australians will play three Tests and five one-dayers in February and March.

The one-day series with Sri Lanka starts on December 26 after New Zealand Cricket announced it had scrapped Wellington's traditional Boxing Day Test.

New Zealand has traditionally played Tests in December but chief executive Martin Snedden defended the decision to move the Tests to January.

The series with Australia will be played in its traditional timeslot with back-to-back Tests in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland but includes a Twenty20 match for the first time.

Mercury goes

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as runners-up in their groups, meaning that Argentina faced Peru in the quarter-finals while Brazil fell into the other half of the draw.

Argentina coach Marcelo Bielsa has refused to accept his team are favourites despite Brazil's absences.

"The question of favourites is a game which overloads the responsibilities or a team and lightens the load of the other," he said.

"The obligations which we feel arise from the sentiment of wanting to win."

Parreira said: "Argentina are a team who do everything well. They mark well, they run a lot and they play well when they've got the ball."

"They're a team who can play and stop the opposition from playing."

But he added: "There's no reason for us to be afraid of them."

SQUAD

Brazil: 1-Dida, 13-Maicon, 3-Luisao, 4-Juan, 6-Gustavo Nery, 5-Renato, 8-Kleber, 10-Alex, 11-Edu, 9-Luis Fabiano, 7-Adriano
Argentina: 1-Roberto Abbondanzieri, 8-Javier Zanetti, 2-Roberto Ayala, 6-Gabriel Heinze, 3-Juan Pablo Sorin, 5-Javier Mascherano, 16-Luis Gonzalez, 11-Carlos Tevez, 19-Cesar Delgado, 9-Luciano Figueroa, 18-Cristian Gonzalez
Referee: Carlos Amarilla (Paraguay)

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	45 Singer	3 Adam's ale	25 Resinous substance
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16 Pop type	57 Con-gealed	11 Backing	40 Approves
18 Exist	58 Yon maiden	21 Piffage	42 Party beverage
19 Nimble		2 Phant-PC	43 Blazing engine
20 Section		24 Messy home	45 Pushing 90, maybe
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27 Shade			49 "Go, team!"
29 Fruity drink			50 Singer DiFranco
31 First sign of spring			51 Postal Creed word
34 Rolls' partner			
35 A.M. stimulant			
37 Quarter-back			
38 Passion			
39 Buck's mate			
41 Unwanted e-mail			

Solution time: 25 mins.

ACROSS	DOWN
1 START A GARDEN	1 ARGUMENT
4 CAN'TO	2 PHANT-PC
7 UNSOCIAL	3 ADAM'S ALE
12 IRS	4 RUM CAKE
13 "LITTLE WOMEN" WOMAN	5 RELOCATOR OF A SORT
14 URBAN	6 TYPE OF POETRY
15 ON PENSION (ABB.)	7 LINIMENT TARGET
16 POP TYPE	8 TENNIS PLAY
18 EXIST	9 INSEPARABLE
19 NIMBLE	10 IT MAY BE WRITTEN TO SOMEONE
20 SECTION	11 BACKING
22 NIPPER'S OLD BOSS	12 LITTLE LOUSE
23 CAPRI, FOR ONE	13 "LITTLE WOMEN" WOMAN
27 SHADE	14 URBAN
29 FRUITY DRINK	15 ON PENSION (ABB.)
31 FIRST SIGN OF SPRING	16 POP TYPE
34 ROLLS' PARTNER	17 FAMILY
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37 QUARTER-BACK	19 NIMBLE
38 PASSION	20 SECTION
39 BUCK'S MATE	21 PILFERAGE
41 UNWANTED E-MAIL	22 NIPPER'S OLD BOSS