

## 'England have the edge'

Cricket

England captain Michael Vaughan said his side had a "psychological edge" over the West Indies after their first Test win at Lord's on Monday. Victory left England 1-0 up in the four-Test series ahead of Thursday's second match at Edgbaston. "Going into the game Thursday it's a psychological edge," Vaughan told reporters after England crushed West Indies by 210 runs.

We're going in full of confidence with a couple of things up our sleeve. "Andrew Flintoff hasn't bowled much this week and Steve Harmison hasn't picked up too many wickets so I think we go into the Test match at Edgbaston even stronger than we are here."

England's success meant they had beaten West Indies in four out of five Tests this year with one draw following a 3-0 away win concluded in April -- their first series victory on Caribbean soil for 36 years. Vaughan's men followed that up with a 3-0 home whitewash of New Zealand to make it seven wins out of eight Tests in 2004 -- England's best run since 1978-79 when Australian media businessman Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket deprived most international sides of their leading players.

However Vaughan, who in the course of this latest match became only the third player in history after West Indies great George Headley in 1939 and former England captain Graham Gooch against India in 1990 to score hundreds in both innings of a Lord's Test, warned against complacency.

"We're obviously delighted to go into the second Test 1-0 up but we must continue to show the same intensity on the pitch starting again on Thursday."

One of the pleasing aspects for England during their recent success has been the way different members of the team have all made vital contributions.

At Lord's the recalled Kent batsman Robert Key, only playing because regular number three Mark Butcher was injured, made 221 -- his maiden Test hundred.

And in the field left-armers Ashley Giles' match-figures of nine for 210 were the best by an English spinner in a Lord's Test since Derek Underwood took 13-71 against Pakistan 30 years ago.

"Guys who come in like Robert Key are just enjoying the atmosphere," Vaughan explained. "We always tell them to play their natural game but you must put hard the intensity and hard work in."

"It's down to individuals when you win but it's a real team effort as well."

## Nat'l hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Kira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) and Rajshahi earned their second successive wins in the ANAS 25th National Hockey Championship at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The sports institute boys outplayed Narayanganj 6-0. The winners led the first half 1-0 when Iqbal scored a field goal in the 11th minute.

Zahid Bin Talib and Russel Mahmud struck twice each and Syed Al Hossain netted the other goal in the second session.

In the other match, Rajshahi blanked Bangladesh Police 3-0 after dominating the first half 2-0.

National forward Zahidul Islam Rajan, Goutam Kumar Das and Nabi Sheikh each scored.

Two teams will meet today at 4pm at the same venue to determine who wins Group B as well earn a place in the super league. Already eliminated Narayanganj take on Bangladesh Police at 2:30pm on the same day.



YUPPIEI Djibril Cisse, Liverpool's new signing, does a flip after scoring a goal against Celtic on July at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Connecticut.

## Cisse fires Liverpool

REUTERS, East Hartford, Connecticut

New signing Djibril Cisse scored twice as Liverpool hammered Celtic 5-1 in the Champions World Series in Hartford on Monday.

Celtic, playing their second match in three days, offered little resistance at Connecticut's Rentschler Field.

Liverpool went in front after four minutes thanks to John Arne Riise before England striker Michael Owen added a second goal on 17.

Former AJ Auxerre marksman Cisse, leading scorer in the French Ligue 1 last season, found the net twice in the second half while Swiss international Stephane Henchoz notched his first goal in more than five years with Liverpool.

Craig Beattie replied from the penalty spot for Celtic.

It was the second consecutive defeat for Celtic, who lost their tour opener 4-2 to Chelsea in Seattle on Saturday.

The series features 11 friendly matches at eight venues across the U.S., involving club sides from England, Italy, Scotland, Portugal, Germany and Turkey.

The next match is on Wednesday with Celtic taking on Manchester United in Philadelphia.

## Rajib, Taibur win boards

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib and FIDE Master Taibur Rahman won their respective fourth round games in the Dortmund Open International Chess Tournament in Germany.

After the round, the two Bangladeshi participants secured three points each.

## Germany turn

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came on as a substitute in the final and scored both Germany's goals in a 2-1 extra-time win over the Czech Republic.

Klinsmann, who has been involved in sports marketing in the US since he ended his playing career in 1998, has a training licence but no coaching experience.

Ostiek, 55, was Franz Beckenbauer's assistant when Germany won the 1990 World Cup and is currently Canada coach.

Klinsmann, who is expected to announce his full coaching lineup later this week, won 108 caps for Germany, scoring 47 goals, and played in the 1990, 1994 and 1998 World Cups.

His appointment ends a long search for a new national boss as Germany prepare their 2006 World Cup campaign for which they are hosts.

Otto Rehhagel, the German who guided Greece to a shock victory in Euro 2004, rebuffed an approach while the first choice, former Bayern Munich coach Ottmar Hitzfeld, turned the job down.

The choice of Klinsmann -- a long-time critic of the way football is run in Germany -- did not generate universal support.

Schalke team manager Rudi Assauer said it was "an emergency solution".

However, the experienced Hitzfeld said "new blood has its advantages" and Klinsmann's former international teammate Matthias Sammer believes the new man can bring about a revolution.

"This is a good and serious answer solution. The 2006 World Cup isn't the main problem. We must now develop players to make (German) football progress," said Sammer.

National team captain Oliver Kahn said the players would need time to adjust to their new boss.

"It's a very, very new situation. We'll have to see how it goes," said the Bayern Munich goalkeeper.

## Lara banking on Collymore

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, London

West Indies are banking on the experience of replacement fast bowler Corey Collymore to revive their fortunes against England in the second Test starting at Edgbaston on Thursday.

West Indies lost to England by a crushing 210 runs and captain Brian Lara hopes the inclusion of Collymore can bolster his young bowling attack.

"Corey Collymore is going to be out there at Edgbaston," Lara told

reporters at Lord's. Lara said Collymore would be there because of his "experience". However, Lara did not give further details of West Indies' Edgbaston line-up saying it was a matter for the selectors.

## SQUAD

Chris Gayle, Devon Smith, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Brian Lara (captain), Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Dwayne Bravo, Ridley Jacobs, Omari Banks, Tino Best, Pedro Collins, Fidel Edwards, Corey Collymore, Carlton Baugh, Dwayne Smith, Jermaine Lawson, Sylvester Joseph.

## Koreans on fire, Jordan make

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tapping in a Park Jin-Sub cross.

Cha, who had missed a couple of early chances, opened his Asian Cup account in emphatic style with a 20-yard curler on the stroke of half-time.

Ahn, brought on for Lee early in the second half, took Kuwaiti keeper Kankone completely by surprise with a snap shot from wide on the right which crept in at the near post.

South Korea must now await the result of Wednesday's Group D matches, where Japan play Iran and Oman take on Thailand, to discover their quarter-final opponents.

It was hardly a feast of football fit for a king, but Jordan left the biggest fan beaming with delight in Beijing, watched by the Middle Eastern coun-

try's football-mad monarch King Abdullah II -- wearing an international shirt -- the Jordanians reached the last eight after drawing UAE.

The lacklustre Group B result in front of 10,000 fans at Beijing's Workers Stadium propelled Jordan into a quarter-final on Saturday against the winner of Group D, either Japan or Iran who clash in Chongqing on Wednesday.

King Abdullah is a regular spectator at international games and ran the Jordan Football Association until his succession to the throne in 1999 following the death of his father King Hussein.

He begins an official visit to China later this week.



Action from yesterday's ANAS 25th National Hockey Championship encounter between Bangladesh Kira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) and Narayanganj at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

## Sonali Bank last in super four

UNB, Dhaka

Sonali Bank Recreation Club booked the super four berth as the last team with a massive 57-31 victory over Bangladesh Air Force in the 9th Metropolitan Premier Division Kabaddi League at the outer stadium court yesterday.

The winners dominated the first session 41-10.

Earlier, Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Army had confirmed their super league places.

In the day's other match, Jurain Janata Club recorded a 62-45 victory over Jatrabari Faruq Smriti Sangsad after leading the first-half by 36-27 points.

The super four round begins today with Bangladesh Rifles taking on Sonali Bank at 4:00 pm and Bangladesh Army playing against Bangladesh Police at 5:00 pm at the same venue.

## Div I h'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Orient Sporting Club and Mansoor Sporting Club reached the super four of the Tibet 13th First Division Handball League yesterday.

At the Outer Stadium Handball ground, Orient scored a massive 24-2 victory over Purbachal Parishad. The winners led 11-1 at half-time.

Mansoor crushed Bhadritya Samaj Kalyan Sangha 16-7 after leading the first half 6-2. The super four phase begins today at the same venue with Surjadyo KC taking on Satirtha Club at 4:00pm.

## Fed Cup hockey from Oct 10

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has decided to stage the Federation Cup from October 10 before the Premier Division Hockey League.

The Premier Division league committee in its first meeting last night took the decision.

The most colourful hockey league will commence from October 28. Before that however a three-day inter-club players transfer takes place from September 7.

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Commission," he added.

The report would require a seal of approval of the ICC Executive Board, which will forward the recommendations to the Kenyan authorities for appropriate action.

## NFL 2nd leg

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Sheikh Wissel will look to maintain their winning form.

The surprise package won both their first leg games against Bagerhat Unmohchan Club and Jhenidah Mohammedan. The other giants holders Muktiyoddha, Premier League champions Brothers Union, Dhaka Mohammedan and Abahani also won their lone first leg games.

The second leg will also see the first big clash of the meet when Russel and Mohammedan lock horns in the last match of the phase on August 2.

## FIXTURE

July 28: Dhaka AKC v P'garh BU (4pm)  
 July 29: Muktiyoddha v K'char Narsingdi (4pm)  
 July 30: Dhaka AKC v C'pur Nazirpara (4pm)  
 July 31: Ctg MSC v K'char Narsingdi (2:15pm)  
 Dhaka BU v U'chan Bagerhat (4:15pm)  
 Aug 1: C'pur Nazirpara v P'garh BU (4pm)  
 Aug 2: Dhaka MSC v Sh Russel (4pm)

## Eriksson under pressure

AFP, London

Embarrassed Football Association officials have called on England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson to defend himself against mounting calls for his resignation over his affair with an FA secretary.

The FA was forced to retract a statement issued last week denying Eriksson's affair after reports in a Sunday newspaper.

It has also been revealed that chief executive Mark Palios had a fling with the same woman.

Board member David Henson believes the whole affair has been an embarrassment to the FA and wants an investigation.

"It makes us look like idiots because there was a denial and then we were told that it did happen," he told The Guardian.

"We are left looking like mugs and that can't be right. We have been left high and dry."

"There's so many questions to answer and we will be expecting those to be answered this week."

The FA board was not due to meet until August 26 but Henson's comments confirm media reports an emergency meeting could be called this week.

It is not the first time that Eriksson's activities have received tabloid exposure.

Two years ago he was revealed to have had an affair with TV presenter Ulrika Jonsson. He has also twice been photographed meeting with Chelsea owner and chief executive Roman Abramovich and Peter Kenyon leading to speculation he was being courted by the London club.

Eriksson is currently on holiday in Sweden and when he returns he will also face a critical report into his handling of England's Euro 2004 campaign by the FA Director of Football Trevor Brooking.

## Thuram says bye

Football

AFP, Paris

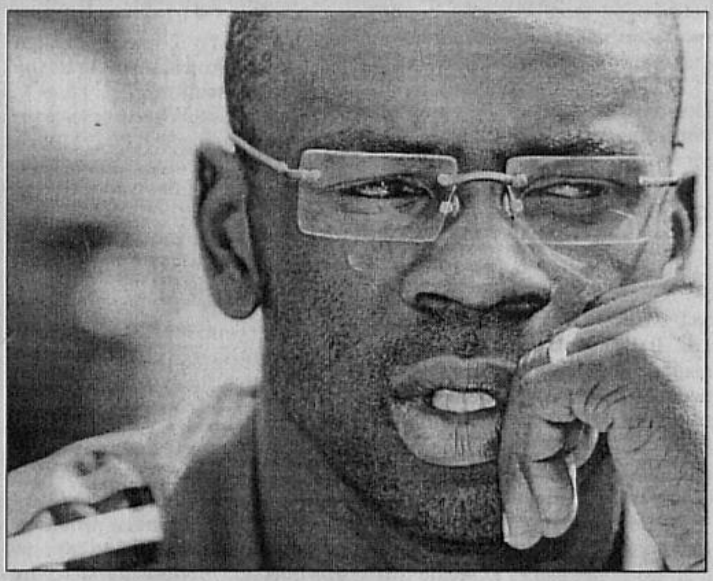
France defender Lilian Thuram has decided to end his international career after 103 caps at the age of 32.

The Juventus player, who plays right-back for his country but often central defender at club level, won the World Cup in 1998 and European Championship in 2000.

He said the quarter-final defeat to eventual winners Greece in Euro 2004 was not the cause for his decision.

The Guadeloupe-born player said he first wanted to retire after France's disastrous World Cup in 2002 when they became the first defending champions to fail to score a goal.

But Jacques Santini, who took over as coach following that tournament, persuaded him to carry on. France have named former



LILIAN THURAM

## Rooney in call-girl scandal

AFP, London

Teenage Everton and England striker Rooney was dumped by fiancée Coleen, also 18, for cheating on her with a hooker on a 'lads' night out in December 2002.

According to The Sun, Coleen slapped Rooney when she learnt that he and three other men had invited prostitutes to their hotel room. The Daily Mirror printed a full picture of the 21-year-old blonde hooker.

Rooney has moved back in with his parents, according to London's Evening Standard. Coleen has reportedly moved out of the couple's 900,000-pound (1.4 million-euro, 1.7 million-dollar) house.

## Real in Japan

AFP, Madrid

Spanish giants Real Madrid arrived in Japan on Monday evening for a brief Asian tour before they get to grips with preparations for the new league season and play the final preliminary round of the Champions League.

Last year, having just signed David Beckham from Manchester United, Real spent more than two weeks on the road for their Asian tour but this time they will play just two friendlies, both in Tokyo, before returning home on Sunday.

The mini-tour is still expected to swell the club's coffers by some 14 million euros.

On Thursday Real meet J-League side JEF United and will then face Tokyo Verdy on Sunday before heading home.

## Costa an MU target

AFP, London

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson wants veteran Portugal's Rui Costa to add midfield sparkle to his English Premiership challenge.

Ferguson is offering to take the Portugal midfielder on loan from AC Milan and pick up his 55,000-pound-a-week salary.

Costa, who scored a 20-metre wonder goal against England in Euro 2004, is considering the offer after both clubs agreed terms, The Sun reports.

Milan were believed to be keen to offload Costa from their wage bill as Brazilian star Kaka has moved ahead in the pecking order.

Costa, 32, retired from international football at the end of Euro 2004 to concentrate on his club and spend more time with wife Rute.

Ferguson wants to add creativity and experience to his midfield and is keen on a player with no commitments to his national team.

Old Trafford's Portuguese No 2 Carlos Queiroz is a big fan of Costa.

Costa is a brilliant passer with excellent close control. He can also run with the ball and Ferguson believes he can do plenty of damage in the Premiership.

## LIFE IN LANKA

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him. The 63-year-old, a retired school teacher, told local daily The Island that he had been waiting to meet his family at the main entrance to get into the ground together but he was told to vacate the place.

Spectators have had regular trouble with police at the same venue and it was here during the ICC Champions Trophy in 2002 that the police brutally assaulted a spectator over a minor incident.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: EPITAPH CHISELED INTO A KIND DOG'S GRAVESTONE: "I NEVER MET A MAN I DIDN'T LICK!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals T

The Cryptoquip 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.