

Lloyd retires as match referee

AFP, Bridgetown

Former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd retired as an International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee on Saturday, the same day as Brian Lara quit international cricket.

Lloyd, 62, served as match referee in 53 Tests and 133 one-day internationals and was praised for his services in a ceremony during the last World Cup Super Eights match between the West Indies and England at the Kensington Oval.

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Lankans unite for Cup

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan sports stars are rallying behind the national team competing for the cricket World Cup in the West Indies with a mass gathering set for Monday.

Former top players Aravinda de Silva and Hashan Tillakaratne, along with a host of other cricketers, are to take part in the ceremony to wish Sri Lanka good luck in their semifinal clash with New Zealand the following day.

"We will gather to wish our cricketers well", Tillakaratne told AFP.

Skipper Mahela Jayawardene, Sanath Jayasuriya and Kumar Sangakkara are to join the ceremony at the Nondescript Cricket Club ground here via telephone

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Koertzen sets new record

AFP, Bridgetown

South African Rudi Koertzen set a new one-day umpiring record by standing in his 173rd one-day international in the West Indies-England Super Eights match here on Saturday.

The 58-year-old Koertzen beat the all-time record set by David Shepherd of England who stood in 172 one-day matches before retiring in 2005.

A member of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Elite Panel of umpires since 2002, Koertzen stood in the 1999 and 2003 World

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Did U Know?

Kevin Pietersen of England scored 100 runs in the World Cup Super Eights match against the West Indies at Kensington Oval in Barbados on April 21. It was his fifth century, first against the West Indies.



PHOTO: AFP

Middlesbrough striker Mark Viduka (L) dives in to score against Manchester United during their Premiership match at Old Trafford in Manchester on Saturday.

KP spoils Lara's party

AFP, Bridgetown



A Kevin Pietersen-inspired England kept their promise of winning the last World Cup match for coach Duncan Fletcher when they beat the West Indies by one wicket here on Saturday.

In-form Pietersen smashed a robust 100 and skipper Michael

Vaughan regained form with a timely 79 as England surpassed their rivals' total of 300 with one ball to spare in a thrilling Super Eights "match of farewells".

It was also the last international appearance for West Indies captain Brian Lara, who would be disappointed with his team's below-par bowling show in the second round.

England finished fifth and the West Indies sixth after defending champions Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and South Africa had qualified for the semi-finals.

Vaughan had said his team desperately wanted to win the game for their coach whose eight-year stint with England ended with this match. He himself led from the front with his first half-century in nine Cup matches.

England were struggling at 189-6 before Pietersen and Paul Nixon (38) put on 80 for the seventh wicket. Pietersen hammered one six and 10 fours in his 91-ball knock for his fifth century, and the second of the tournament.

They needed 45 to win off the last five overs with four wickets in hand, but Pietersen and wicket-keeper Nixon brought their team closer to victory with brilliant improvisation before Stuart Broad completed the job with a brace.

England were in control after Vaughan added 90 for the second wicket with Ravi Bopara (26) and 53 for the next with Pietersen, but a hat-trick of run-outs had put them on the back foot.

Pietersen put paid to the West Indies' hopes with a gem of a knock. He received valuable support from wicket-keeper Nixon.

West Indies opener Chris Gayle earlier gave a superb demonstration of power-hitting as he smashed three sixes and 10 fours in a 58-ball 79 for his first half-century of the tournament.

Gayle put on 131 for the opening wicket with Devon Smith (61), who played a supporting role remarkably well before falling to a superb one-handed catch by Paul Collingwood at point off paceman Andrew Flintoff.

Marlon Samuels (51) and Shivnarine Chanderpaul (34) also made merry as the West Indies reached their highest total of the tournament.

But the biggest applause was reserved for Lara, who gave a few glimpses of his attractive stroke-play during his 17-ball 18 before being run out while responding to a call from hesitant Samuels.

Samuels initially charged for a single after pushing paceman Broad to mid-on before changing his mind. Lara was out of the crease

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AND V WEST INDIES SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Cup Super Eights match between England and the West Indies at the Kensington Oval in Barbados on Saturday:

WEST INDIES	R	M	B	4s	6s
Gayle c Broad b Flintoff	79	105	58	10	3
Smith c Collingwood b Flintoff	61	135	106	6	0
Lara run out (Pietersen)	18	39	17	3	0
Samuels c Collingwood b Vaughan	51	59	39	6	1
Sarwan c Nixon b Plunkett	3	11	8	0	0
Chanderpaul c Plunkett b Collingwood	34	52	39	5	0
Bravo c Dalrymple b Vaughan	13	16	11	1	0

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SUPER EIGHTS STANDINGS

AFP, Bridgetown

Final Super Eights standings of the 2007 World Cup:

Team	Match	Won	Lost	Tied	No-result	Run-rate	Points
Australia	7	7	0	0	0	+2.40	14
Sri Lanka	7	5	2	0	0	+1.48	10
New Zealand	7	5	2	0	0	+0.25	10
South Africa	7	4	3	0	0	+0.31	8
England	7	3	4	0	0	-0.39	6
West Indies	7	2	5	0	0	-0.57	4
Bangladesh	7	1	6	0	0	-1.51	2
Ireland	7	1	6	0	0	-1.73	2

Note: Teams, who defeated fellow qualifiers in the first round, carry forward the two points from that match as well as the run-rate.

Teams, who played each other in first round, do not meet in the Super Eights.

Top four qualify for the semifinals.

Some more cash?

AFP, Bridgetown



Need an autograph? It's 20 dollars; a photograph? That will set you back 100. Barbadian cricket legends

are making fans, already paying hotel rates which have trebled during the World Cup, even angrier by charging for signing an autograph book or posing for pictures.

The Cricket Legends of Barbados group, which includes the likes of Sir Garry Sobers, Charlie Griffith, Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes, have been making public appearances trying

to raise funds to help build a centre of excellence.

"It's disgusting. I have to pay 100 dollars for a photograph with

Sobers who I have had adored since my childhood," said Surbeet Singh, who has come from Manchester in England.

Heartbroken over India's first round exit and having to watch a meaningless Ireland-Bangladesh match instead last week, Singh went to the Barbados Business Club looking to get Sobers's autograph.

"I was amazed. The tour has already cost me over 15,000 dollars."

Journalists claim they have been asked to pay 1000 dollars for an exclusive interview and little wonder Sobers was in the highest demand.

Fans can also take a sunset cruise with the stars for 200 dollars.

"It was a different kind of heart-break to see the greatest of the greats, Sir Garry Sobers, at 73, and well looked after by life and his

achievements, asking for 100 dollars for every picture his fans wanted to click with him," complained Indian newspaper the Daily Pioneer.

"He should have been thanking his young disciples for having loved him so intensely even 34 years after he retired from a game that has never been slim on heroes."

Fans said it was not the same on other islands.

"We had photographs with Sir Viv Richards in Antigua and he obliged everyone with autographs. It was only here in Barbados where we have had to pay," said Kassim Solly.

"We even played beach cricket with some of them in Antigua."

But Deighton Smith, chief executive of Cricket Legends of Barbados, justified the amounts being charged.

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PHOTO: AFP

England batsman Kevin Pietersen drives the ball as West Indies wicketkeeper Denesh Ramdin looks on during the World Cup Super Eights at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown on Saturday.

Smith hurts knee

CRICINFO, undated

South Africa received an injury scare ahead of their big semifinal against Australia, with their captain Graeme Smith suffering a minor knee injury ahead of the St Lucia clash on Wednesday.

Smith hurt his knee while fielding in the match against England that enabled South Africa to qualify for the semifinal. According to a team spokesman, Smith did not play a full part in Saturday's training session.

"He has a niggle and thus didn't train as intensively," the team spokesperson told Reuters, adding that Smith was advised by team physio Shane Jabbar to manage the problem through rest.

The South African captain has scored 441 runs in the tournament so far at a strike rate of over a hundred. His five fifties include a 91 off

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Inter secure Scudetto

INTERNET, undated

Internazionale's win at Siena and Roma's defeat at Atalanta confirmed the formalities of the Nerazzurri's 15th Serie A title.

After winning last season's journey by default following Juventus' demotion and after the disappointment of the midweek defeat to Roma, Roberto Mancini's side were able to uncork the champagne in style on Sunday.

Marco Materazzi was Inter's unlikely goal hero with the 18th minute opener and the decisive penalty kick on the hour after Paulo Negro's 21st minute equaliser for the hosts.

The Nerazzurri were able to celebrate because Roma slipped to a surprise 2-1 defeat at mid-table Atalanta.

Cristiano Doni (37) and Riccardo Zampagna (44) gave Luciano Spalletti's team a mountain to climb and Simone Perrotta's goal midway through the second half was scant consolation for the visitors, whose frustration boiled over with a straight red card for defender Matteo Ferrari in injury time.

Pietersen looking ahead

BBC ONLINE, undated



Man of the Match Kevin Pietersen predicted good times ahead for England after they rounded off their World Cup campaign by beating hosts West Indies.

Pietersen made 100 off 91 balls as England gave Duncan Fletcher a winning end to his eight-year spell as coach.

"I'm just pleased for Fletch that we got the victory on his last day."

"We've had a disappointing winter, but I'm looking forward to the next couple of years -- they could be very good ones for us," said Pietersen.

The match was also the last for West Indies skipper Brian Lara and England counterpart Michael Vaughan was quick to pay tribute to

his talent and achievements.

"He's a genius. There are not many geniuses in the game and we're losing one today (Saturday), so we all wish him well. He's scored a lot of runs against us and it will be nice to play against the West Indies without him," said Vaughan.

On Pietersen, Vaughan predicted he had the potential to eventually join Lara among the all-time greats of the game.

"He has a huge amount of talent and a lot of skill to go with that, his hundred was a great effort. He has plenty more runs in the locker and he could end up being similar to Lara if he carries on working hard," he commented.

Despite the result, Vaughan offered a frank assessment of England's performances in the Caribbean, adding: "It was nice to get a victory, and nice to have a fantastic crowd here and I hope everybody has been entertained."

"We have won the game but

we've got to be realistic and say we haven't played as well as we should have done throughout this tournament.

"At stages today (Saturday) we showed what a side we can be, but there were stages when we also showed we're a bit rough around the edges as well."

He added: "What was important was that we know we play West Indies (at home) in a few weeks time and we wanted to get one up on them going into that Test series."

"I know it's a one-day game, but we wanted to take a look at their players and we wanted to play well."

Vaughan had a measure of personal consolation in making 79, his highest score of the tournament, after earlier picking up 3-39 with his off-spin.

"I thought Michael Vaughan started the innings fantastically. That's the Vaughny we like -- that's

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Chelsea let MU off the hook

AFP, Newcastle



Chelsea blew an opportunity to close the gap on Premiership leaders Manchester United as Newcastle held on for a 0-0 draw on Sunday.

Jose Mourinho's side would have moved to within a point of United if they had won at St James' Park, but they produced a tired-looking display that could prove a major blow to their bid to retain the title.

Chelsea's failure to take advantage of United's draw against Middlesbrough on Saturday means they remain three points behind the leaders, with both clubs having four games to play.

The London club were both fortunate and frustrated within the first 20 minutes as another pivotal fixture at the top of the Premiership opened at a frantic pace.

Less than two minutes had elapsed when Newcastle's

Peruvian midfielder Nolberto Solano floated a dangerous cross into the penalty area and found Antoine Sibierski.

The ex-Manchester City forward beat Czech Republic goalkeeper Petr Cech in the air and only a desperate clearance by the Portuguese international Paulo Ferreira prevented a looping header from rolling across the goal-line.

Six minutes later Chelsea's Ivory Coast forward Didier Drogba was convinced the visitors should have been awarded a penalty but referee Mark Halsey waved away a

series of persistent claims. Drogba's fellow countryman Salomon Kalou had driven into the United goalmouth and his chipped cross appeared to strike the left arm of United's Republic of Ireland full back Stephen Carr.

But Halsey refused to be swayed and minutes later Chelsea suffered another setback when influential German midfielder Michael Ballack was forced to

leave the field with an injury.

Newcastle were on top and 11 minutes before the break James Milner played in Carr with a sublime reverse pass and the defender raced into the danger area. A low cross to the near post struck England defender John Terry's shin and Frenchman Claude Makelele cleared from Kieron Dyer.

Given the share of first half possession, weighted heavily in the favour of the home team, Chelsea were fortunate to find themselves on level terms at the outset of the second period.

And Lampard should have capitalised on the Londoners' good fortune within two minutes of the restart only to screw a right-footed drive over Steve Harper's crossbar from Kalou's clever cutback.

Newcastle responded with the best move of the match as Turkish international Emre and former England midfielder Nicky Butt linked up to mesmerising effect.

The former Fenerbahce

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