

## 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.

## 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 strokeplay during his 17-ball 18 before being run out while responding to a call from his assistant 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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## LAND 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
Sanwan 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.

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## Some more cash?

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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 Surbent 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.

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