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The fastest red card in a World Cup was given to Uruguayan player Sergio Batista after just 56 seconds in their first round match against Scotland in 1986.

Biman, Russel stay on course

SPORTS REPORTER

Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Biman maintained their AB Bank Senior Division Table Tennis League title chase with all-win records.

Mostafa lost his game but holders Russel disposed off Armanitola 3-1 while Biman blanked Wari 3-0 in yesterday's matches at the Woodend floor gymnasium.

In other matches, Ajax beat Brothers 3-1 while Mohammedpur Boys beat Engineers Club in straight sets.

On Tuesday, Biman beat Engineers Club 3-0, Russel downed Ajax 3-1, Armanitola defeated Wari 3-1 and Brothers blanked Mariners 3-0.

Sanath wants T20 success

BBC ONLINE, undated

Sri Lanka batsman Sanath Jayasuriya is determined to make a big impression for Lancashire in the Twenty20 Cup.

He has joined the club for a month as a replacement for compatriot Mutiah Muralidaran, who will be on Test duty against Bangladesh.

"It's exciting -- I'm really looking forward to playing for Lancashire.

"This form of cricket is very interesting. I've played quite a few games and really enjoyed it," the 37-year-old commented.

Jayasuriya, who played for Somerset two years ago, will make his debut in Friday's game against Durham at Old Trafford.

Lancashire, the runners-up two years ago, are hoping to see the kind of style which brought him fifty off 23 balls against New Zealand last December, the fastest half century in a Twenty20 international.

And an added bonus is that Jayasuriya will also be available for the home Roses Championship match against Yorkshire, starting on July 8.

"Murali wanted me to come and replace him for a month, so I said I would come until he comes back," he added.

Morales hopes

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we could not exceed 2,500 metres while now it's 2,800m, with the possibility to go until 3,000m which can modify all the data," added Deluca.

On Friday morning a member of the Conmebol's medical commission claimed that FIFA were ready to authorise international matches to be played at a maximum of 3,000m and not 2,500m as they originally ruled.

This would allow Bogota (2,640m) and Quito (2,800) to host qualifying matches for the 2010 World Cup, but not Bolivia capital La Paz (3,577m) and Cuzco (3,300).

According to Conmebol, FIFA's executive committee are due to meet again in Zurich on June 27 to discuss the affair.

Mourinho

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Later I was in London and I could feel also for the fans the feeling was special. After two Premierships and two Carling Cups before, I think at the moment we won't change this FA Cup for anything."

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PHOTO: AFP

World number one Justine Henin of Belgium in action during her straight sets win over Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland at the Eastbourne Open in England on Wednesday.

Monty spins magic

Cricket

AFP, Chester-Le-Street

Monty Panesar enhanced his growing reputation by taking five wickets for 46 runs as England wrapped up a 3-0 series win against the West Indies with a seven-wicket victory in the fourth and final Test here at the Riverside.

It was the sixth time in his 17-match Test career that the 25-year-old left-arm spinner had taken five or more wickets in an innings.

England captain Michael Vaughan was impressed by the latest example of "Monty magic".

So too was West Indies coach David Moore, who chose Panesar as England's man of the series after a haul of 23 wickets at under 19 apiece, including 10 in England's 60-run third Test win at Old Trafford.

"Obviously Monty produced his

magic once again," Vaughan told reporters after stumps on Tuesday.

And he cited a textbook delivery, which pitched on middle and hit the off-stump of West Indies' Denesh Ramdin, as an example of Panesar's skill.

"It was a slower wicket with not much spin but I think the delivery which he got Ramdin out with will be a delivery that is shown to young left-arm spinners for a long time. It was a perfect spinning delivery."

"He's offering control and giving it a good rip."

But Vaughan, who ended the match on 48 not out, said England had been put in a position to win by a stand of 169 between Paul Collingwood, who made 128 on his Durham home ground, and wicketkeeper Matthew Prior.

That helped revive England from 165 for six before they were eventually bowled out for 400 -- a

first-innings lead of 113.

"Trying to force a victory from the position looked a long shot but full credit to the batsmen and Paul Collingwood in particular for getting a hundred on his home ground," said Vaughan.

"That partnership with Matthew Prior certainly swayed the momentum towards us. When you get a hundred lead you always know there's only one team who can win the game."

England's success in their first Test campaign since a 5-0 Ashes hammering in Australia gave Peter Moores a win in his debut series as England coach after he replaced Duncan Fletcher.

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England win 3-0

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England, who'd been in trouble at 165 for six in their first innings, saw all-rounder Collingwood steer them to 400.

West Indies' first innings also featured a recovery after they'd collapsed to 55 for four. Chanderpaul and Bravo (44) added 86 for the fifth wicket in a total of 287.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the fourth and final Test between England and the West Indies at Riverside on Tuesday:

WEST INDIES: First innings 287 (Chanderpaul 136 n.o.; Sidebottom 5-88)

ENGLAND: First innings 400 (Collingwood 128, Strauss 77, Prior 62; Edwards 5-112, Powell 3-89)

WEST INDIES: Second innings 222 (Gayle 52, Chanderpaul 70, Bravo 43; Hoggard 3-28, Panesar 5-46)

ENGLAND: Second innings

Strauss b Powell 13

Cook c Bravo b Powell 7

Vaughan not out 48

Pietersen c Samuels b Gayle 28

Collingwood not out 5

Extras: (b-4, nb-6) 10

Total: (For 3 wkt in 21.3 overs) 111

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-29, 3-105.

Did not bat: Bell, Prior, Harmison, Hoggard, Sidebottom, Panesar.

Bowler O M R W

Edwards 7 0 46 0

Powell 7 0 38 2

Samuels 4 0 12 0

Gayle 3.3 0 11 1

Result: England won by seven wickets and clinched the four-match series 3-0.

Man-of-the-match: Shivnarine Chanderpaul.

Man-of-the-series: Monty Panesar and Shivnarine Chanderpaul.

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"We need to raise the bar and put some big individual performances. If we can do that we will have a very good series," he said.

India open against Ireland at Belfast on June 23 followed by three one-day internationals against South Africa at the same venue on June 26, 29 and July 1.

Panesar in top 10

BBC ONLINE, undated

England's Monty Panesar has broken into the top 10 of the world rankings for the first time after his superb display in the victory over West Indies.

The left-arm spinner took 5-46 to help set up England's seven-wicket win and finish the series as England's man of the series with 23 wickets.

He is joint-sixth with Matthew Hoggard in the rankings, which are led by fellow spinner Muttiah Muralidaran.

Alastair Cook has climbed to a new high of 20th in the batting rankings.

Cook, 22, has enjoyed an incredible start to his Test career since coming into the side in March 2006.

The Essex left-hander hit two centuries in the 3-0 series win against the West Indies.

Panesar's accuracy and wicket-taking threat caused problems to all the opposition during the fourth and final Test at the Riverside.

"It's been an unbelievable series to get 23 wickets in the four Test matches and I feel very lucky with the way things have gone," said Panesar.

"I am very pleased with my performances."

At the start of the series there was some discussion in the media that the 25-year-old, who only made his Test debut in India last year, would be left out of the team for the first Test to accommodate an extra seamer.

He made that debate look ridiculous by taking 6-129 in the first innings and although he only took one wicket in the second Test, he was inspirational in the third.

He took his first 10-wicket haul to spin England to a series victory and continued his impressive form in the final Test at Chester-le-Street.

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"I'll be honest I made the decision in my heart in West Indies," Vaughan told reporters after stumps at the Riverside here Tuesday.

"I'm very confident that it can work but let's just wait and see. If a new captain comes in and does a magnificent job that's the end of MV."

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